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Making her voice heard

Jacquelyn Zettner screams the Dolphin cheer at Springfield Plains Elementary's Leadership Boot Camp led by the Clarkston High School LEAD students. For more pictures and story, please see page 1B. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Piper paying time

Local government leaders see budget strife in year 2010

BY PATRICK RIGGS

Special to the Clarkston News

Clarkston area leaders face a difficult year ahead, with falling revenues near the top of everyone's 2010 agenda.

Supervisor Dave Wagner said Independence Township will look at the budget continuously as, well as look ahead at 2011 and 2012. His biggest goal is not to lay off more than what they committed to in the 2010 budget.

“Laying off people is really not the entire answer because when you lay them off, they’re not going to the stores, they’re not going to the movies, restaurants, so those businesses suffer right along with us,” he said. “You’re actually looking at a trickle down effect because of your actions – it’s affecting other businesses.”

Springfield Township Supervisor Mike Trout also expects another tough year for revenue, but the township budgets conservatively and always looks for ways to deliver services efficiently.

"We will probably see a decrease in revenue, between property values and state shared revenue, of over 10 percent and maybe 15 percent," Trout said. "The good news is many people will see a decrease in their tax bills."

They will continue to look for grants and other funding sources to offset decreases.

"While it might seem like there is lots of money out there, its very competitive in most

cases," he said. "We recently partnered with Independence and Clarkston for an energy efficiency grant and will likely receive consideration to upgrade various systems like heating, air conditioning, and lighting in some of our buildings."

The City of the Village of Clarkston will also work to minimize budget effects of falling home values and state revenue sharing funds, said City Manager Dennis Ritter.

"The dramatic reductions we're experiencing on the revenue side of the ledger requires daily monitoring of our projected revenues and expenses," Ritter said. "Mayor Steve Arkwright, with his strong financial knowledge and leadership, has been a huge help and thanks to our city Treasurer Jan Gillespie,

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Boy Scout Denton Humphreys, carrying the U.S. flag, Ian Arnold, with state flag, and fellow Troop 192 scouts Dawson Holloway and Brandon Graham start Springfield Township Board's first meeting of the year with a flag ceremony. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Clarkston Rotary offers way to help Haiti

Clarkston Rotary Club accepts donations to Shelterbox USA, providing emergency shelter to earthquake victims in Haiti.

"This is one of the few ways people in our area can directly affect the lives of those suffering from this, and other, terrible natural disasters," said Mary Sloan, Clarkston Rotarian and local representative for ShelterBox USA. "ShelterBox will provide a home for 10 people. Help is on the way."

Each "big green box" contains a tent, cooking equipment, sleeping bags, blankets and tools, intended to support a family of 10. ShelterBox dispatched 700 so far, with more on the way.

"Thousands of families have been affected by the Haiti earthquake tragedy, and our volunteers around the world are coming together to make sure that affected families receive ShelterBox aid as quickly as possible," said Veronica Miller, ShelterBox USA executive director. "The outpouring of public support has been incredible, but more help is still needed. If you can help, even in a small way, please do."

Donations made out to ShelterboxUSA can be sent to Clarkston Rotary, P.O. Box 43, Clarkston, MI 48347. For more information about ShelterBox, contact Mary Sloan at marymsloan@comcast.net.

- Phil Custodio



Rotarians Jeff Lichty and Mary Sloan Lichty, and Terry Minton with a Shelterbox. File photo

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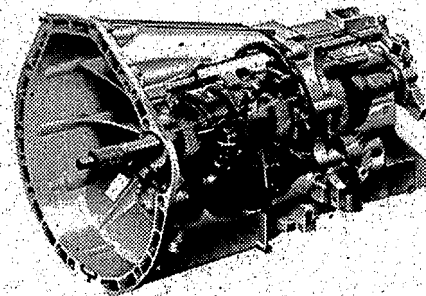
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Briefly

Dinner and a movie

First Baptist Church of Clarkston sponsors a romantic, candlelit Valentine's Dinner at Indianwood Golf and Country Club, 1081 Indianwood Road, Lake Orion, 5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 14.

The dinner will be followed by the showing of the film *Fireproof*. Cost of the meal is \$25 per person. Movie showing is free. This event is open to the public, but register and pay required by Feb. 1. For more information or to register, call the church at 248-625-3380 or Pastor Dan Campbell at 248-421-2501.

The independent, Christian drama *Fireproof*, starring Kirk Cameron, was recommended by Dr. Phil and ranked number 4 when it hit the box office in 2008. Door prizes will be awarded, including an overnight stay at the Crowne Plaza of Auburn Hills.

Home buying seminar

A free Home Buying Seminar for first-time home buyers or anyone wanting to purchase a home is 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road.

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Clarification & Correction

In the story "Mums the word," Jan. 13, the new rule passed by Independence Township does not eliminate all "public comment." It limits the number of times an individual can speak to only one agenda item. Last week's Rotary ad mistated the number of children helped by the club's annual Shoes for Kids program... over 650 children were helped.

Attention businesses

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City reconsiders snow plow plan

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Slow snow removal downtown has city officials scrambling over what to do about it.

Mayor Steve Arkwright's plan was for the Department of Public Works to clear the sidewalks on Miller Road north of the Millpond, Main Street between the Plumb House and Middle Lake, both sides of Washington between M-15 and Holcomb, and Waldon between M-15 and the city limits.

It would take two hours and cost \$30, he said at the Jan. 11 meeting.

Councilman Charles Inabnit thought the city needs more.

"If it takes them two hours to do that, how long is it going to take them to do the rest of the city? They're out there already," he said.

"In the winter, if they're not plowing, they've got plans to repaint garbage cans, repair picnic tables. They're here eight hours a day. I don't think it goes far enough for the taxes we pay."

Inabnit said every sidewalk in the city should be plowed.

"If they're out there, just do it. You come in, you get on the plow for four hours, you take lunch, you get on for another four," he said. "That's what we're paying them to do anyways."

Councilman James Brueck asked if "they are sitting there waiting for the snow to fall or do they go home."

City Manager Dennis Ritter said they work their normal hours.

"If there is a snowfall in the middle of the night and there is some consequence, the police department will call them and let them know and they'll come in," he said. "They'll continue to do the plowing until the job is done."

Brueck also opposed Arkwright's idea.

"If I'm the neighbor, I'd say 'what gives here? I'm paying taxes, why are you doing Dennis's sidewalks, but not mine?' Then they come into here and we say, 'well we just decided arbitrarily that we're going stop in front of your house,'" he said. "I have a problem being very selective."

Inabnit agreed.

"Not only that, but other people we're going to give citation and fines too because they're not doing their sidewalks, but we're selecting to do other sidewalks," he said. "How are we going to stand up in court if we have to take people in?"

Brueck asked if it were possible for them to do all the sidewalks and stay within budget. Ritter replied that it was. He said Main Street was "peculiar" because Oakland County Road Commission plows passing lanes, but the city is required to do the parking lanes.

"There are really two governmental units doing it, which makes no sense at all," he said.



Clarkston DPW workers clear snow from the Mill Pond parking lot after a recent snow. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Resident and downtown business owner Bob Roth called the system "broken" and they need to "start from square one."

"I looked at downtown this weekend and we had a snowfall Thursday (Jan. 7) night and the main streets on both sides of the street still have not been cleaned off as of today (Jan. 11)," he said. "I don't think these guys have a clue of what it means to remove snow and prioritize the job. You cannot pull up in front of the Clarkston State Bank."

Business owner Kevin Harrison agreed.

"We are doing what the village asks us to do, which is to push snow off of our sidewalk into the street. I would like to ask the village that they take care of that snow faster than a weekend after a snowfall," Harrison said. "That needs to be cleared. Traffic is our lifeblood in the business district and if we can't get people in because they can't find a convenient place to park, that's a problem."

In defense of the DPW, Arkwright said part of the problem was they were instructed by the council not to work overtime or nights.

"Council told them they cannot work these hours overtime," Arkwright said. "So, they have to work it in the hours they have."

Inabnit said it fell on Department Director Bob Pursley to schedule accordingly.

"You do some scheduling so you don't have guys coming in during the day, you have them coming in at night," Inabnit said. "He is the department head he needs to start making these decisions."

Brueck said they needed to "clearly define" what the expectation is.

Arkwright withdrew his motion and asked Ritter to have a detailed report as to how to clear all sidewalks and how much it will cost.

Councilman Mike Gawronski suggested Arkwright leave his motion on the table.

"I agree with Chuck, if we can do it for some we can do it for all, providing there is the money to do it," he said. "We have two weeks and how many snows -- at least some of the walks could get cleared if that motion is approved."

Brueck said he would not support the motion as is because he didn't want a "partial fix."

Arkwright agreed.

"I don't want a partial fix either, I think we need to keep the fire under our feet to get this done," he said. "We need a resolution to this once and for all."

Ritter appreciated all the feedback.

"Last year was really difficult situation," Ritter said. "This is going to be a great help."

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Springfield Township Supervisor Mike Trout, Supervisor Alison Kalcec, Rose Township, and other officials worked out a deal to increase the Shiawassee Basin Preserve. Photo by Phil Custodio

Townships work out park deal

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Springfield Township's Shiawassee Basin Preserve is 35 acres bigger, thanks to an agreement with neighboring Rose Township.

"We're excited to be a part of it," said Supervisor Mike Trout, Springfield Township. "We welcome any opportunity to work with our neighbors."

In exchange, Springfield Township offers its parks and recreation programs at residential rates for Rose Township residents for the next 15 years.

"We have nothing in the way of the kinds of programs and facilities offered here," said Supervisor Alison Kalcec, Rose Township.

"It's a real advantage for Rose Township," Trout said.

Rose Township, which doesn't have a parks and recreation millage, has one park with ballfields and pavilion facilities, undeveloped park land, and Oakland County's Rose Oaks Park.

Former supervisors Collin Walls and Chester Coop started work on the agreement about five years ago with Springfield Parks and Rec Director Jennifer Tucker.

"We benefit from their hard work," Trout said. "It's a great idea."

The property is on the southwest corner of Springfield Township's Shiawassee Basin Preserve. It was transferred to Rose Township in 2005 as part of a circuit court ruling in the now-stalled Hills of Davisburg subdivision project.

The Interlocal Agreement requires Springfield Township to maintain and preserve the property.

"We'll fold it into our current Parks Management Plan," said Sarah Richmond, administrative assistant for Springfield Township Parks and Rec. "We're really excited about it."

"Springfield Township has a lot more re-

sources to protect it," Kalcec said.

Plans include a new walkpath to the western side of the property to allow access for invasive species control, prescribed burns, and other conservation projects, Richmond said.

"The Shiawassee Basin Preserve is a jewel of the area - it has the number one rated prairie fen in Michigan, the Long Lake Fen Complex," she said. "This squares up the property. It's a way to preserve it and we're happy to see it happen. We appreciate working with Rose Township."

"Thinking ahead, (the interlocal agreement) is a potential selling point if development ever gets under way," Trout said.

The agreement is one of a number of cooperative efforts between Springfield and neighboring townships, also including cable-TV information networking, infrastructure improvements, and environmental surveys of shared sewer pipelines.

"Cooperation sells well with Lansing when it comes to grant opportunities," Trout said.

Parks and Rec offers a range of programs, Richmond said.

"Participation is great," she said. "In Bronco Basketball, we have eight teams in grades 5-6, six teams in grades 3-4. We have 42 participating in Wally Hoops."

Upcoming events include Lots-N-Lots Of Spaghetti fundraiser, 5-7 p.m., Jan. 25, at Hart Community Center, \$6 for those 9 years old and older, \$3 for children 5-8, free for children 4 and under; and Sap To Syrup For Pancakes, 9-10 a.m., March 6, at Shiawassee Basin Preserve Pavilion and Hart Community Center, \$7/residents, \$8/non-residents.

"Spanish is also a big hit," she said. "And about 300 attended last year's March Mom Sale."

Sponsorships are available, she said. For more information, call 248-846-6558.

Recycling center comes with green cost

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Threatened by budget cuts, Independence Township found a way to keep their Recycle Center located at 6050 Flemings Lake Road open for at least one more year, but at a cost.

"The main goal is to get it to pay for itself," Department of Public Works Director Linda Richardson said. "If we get it to pay for itself then it's no money out of the general fund."

Richardson said \$25 per registration could do it.

"A lot of people don't realize we have to pay to get rid of it," she said. We've checked around (at different companies) for years and done recycling for years and no matter where we go, we have to pay for it. Nobody offers to give us money for recycling, just for oil."

In 2008, cost to the township was \$30,000 because they accepted recycling from all around the area. Then in 2009, they implemented registration, eliminating nonresidents of Independence Township. They had 1,235 total registrations at a cost of around \$25,000.

"A lot of people that called in said they would be more than willing to pay \$25, we probably had 50 calls," she said. "I cannot predict what type of response we'll receive, but only one resident we spoke with said they would not pay to use the recycling center."

So far this year, they have about 12 registrations. At this time last year, she said they were at almost 120.

"We'd like to see it continue," she said. "Especially for the people who are in

apartments and condos and mobile home parks because they have no way to recycle."

The township board voted 5-2, Jan. 5, to approve \$21,000 for the recycling center, as well as the \$25 registration fee.

"I know by charging, we'll have fewer registrations and fewer people using it," Richardson said. "Fewer users would also result in a reduced cost for our pickup."

Trustee Mark Petterson said his main concern was the budget didn't include manpower costs.

"We need to start doing some more cost recovery in this township," Petterson said. "It's a great thing, great for the ecology and the world God gave us, but we still need to be able to not operate at loss."

Trustee Larry Rosso agreed and said other services may end up going "from township provided to self supporting."

"It's unfortunate we have to go to this route," he said. "People will have to understand if they're really pro environment, they're going to have to pay a little bit more in order for this service to continue."

Treasurer Curt Carson suggested charging \$3-\$5 a month as oppose to a yearly charge. Richardson said they could do that, but once people have the access code, they can get in unless she changed the access code quarterly.

"The problem I have is the water and sewer rate payers, paying for something that has absolutely nothing to do with water and sewer," he said. "I don't have any problem trying to provide the recycling, but I think it should fund itself and break even. We shouldn't make money on it, but

it should break even."

Township resident Dave Clark suggested if they didn't go with the \$25 fee, perhaps a \$5 charge "per use."

Trustee David Lohmeier, who voted "no" on the issue said he was all for recycling, but better controls were needed to make sure access code weren't abused and given out randomly.

"I just think we went a little too fast and could have spent a couple more weeks getting the act together," he said. "I wanted to pass something that I was sure we weren't going to lose money on because we can't afford to lose money. Now, it's 'I hope you're right.' We just didn't go far enough on it."

The board asked Richardson to give a report and review in May. Trustee Neil Wallace said "there is no way to perfectly control this" and they would "have to rely on the better nature of people."

"The other thing we can do in May is let it be known too if people aren't going to use it or use inappropriately, that it will shut down at the end of the year," he said. "That call may fire people up to begin to use it more appropriately. They will then have control of it being there, they can't just take it for granted."

The center accepts used antifreeze, maximum 10 gallons; used motor oil, 10 gallon maximum; cardboard and boxes, flattened and clean; household plastic containers only; clear white, green, and brown glass; aluminum cans; newspaper, shredded paper, copy paper, magazines, phone books, junk mail and brown paper bags, bundled and dry. No longer accepted are batteries or tires.

Schools net four energy awards

Clarkston Community Schools energy-conservation efforts paid off with four Energy Star recognitions.

Principals from Bailey Lake, Clarkston, and Springfield Plains elementary schools, and Renaissance High School accepted the honors, saying it was the combined effort from the staff and students.

"We feel pretty honored just to be among a few buildings from around the country," said Dana Pennanen, Clarkston Elementary principal. "The kids are really good at what we can do to conserve energy."

It is the second year all three elementaries were recognized, among 219 schools in Michigan earning the recognition since 2001.

"It is nice to receive the recognition because our staff and students have been working really hard towards those measures," said Bailey Lake Principal Glenn Gualtieri. "By the numbers of schools recognized, the measures are paying off."

For the past five years, the district's Energy Management Program conserved energy by reducing electricity and heating. A few examples are turning off lights, computers, and heat when not needed.

Since 2005, the four schools saved \$385,709.12 in energy costs.

"We have worked with students, staff, and with the community to go green, make people understand the importance of energy conservation, and help people incorporate green initiatives into everyday life," said Energy Manager Gary Soggs.

— Wendi Reardon

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A column by Trevor Keiser

More than a party

Henry David Thoreau said "Politics is the gizzard of society, full of grit and gravel, and the two political parties are its opposite halves - sometimes split into quarters - which grind on each other. Not only individuals but states have thus a confirmed dyspepsia."

I find it interesting that politics have taken over nearly every aspect of everyday life and political parties have divided us so much, it's not even funny.

When you turn on the news and watch either Fox or CNN or listen to news radio stations, and hear almost anyone of the host argue, such and such a decision will give the republicans or the democrats the upper hand.

Whether it be the war, healthcare bill, or even the latest earthquake tragedy in Haiti. Politicians base their decisions it seems solely on the gain and status of whatever party they represent and how the decision will help or hurt their "political career."

I am saddened that decisions are made on what is best for the democratic race, or the republic race, instead of what is good for the human race.

Richard Armour said "Politics, it seems for years, has been concerned with right or left instead of right or wrong."

I honestly think a lot more good would be accomplished if political parties were set aside.

I understand saying you're with one party or another differentiates you from the other guy or gal on what are considered "key issues," but even a lot of those key issues I think could be agreed upon or shall I say compromised on if political leaders were truly looking out for the good of the people they serve.

Call me naive if you want but I still believe Democrats and Republicans will one day reach across the dividing line and shake each other's hand and say to one another "let's work together and make decisions that will be for the good of all people" and actually mean it.

Perhaps the words "a government for the people" can ring true once again in the hearts of those who govern.



The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

Blame Clark for new rule

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the recent editorial comments by

Mr. Mike Clark ("Recall effort sour grapes, reader says," Jan. 6).

Most informed citizens and attendees of the township meetings have seen or have come in contact with this individual. He is the "mysterious man with the baseball cap" mentioned in a previous letter ("Reader finds board unwatchable," Oct. 21).

While Mr. Clark has "freedom of speech," there is a difference between disagreeing and harassing.

Mr. Clark continuously claims recall efforts against Supervisor Dave Wagner are orchestrated by a few certain political allies and that Supervisor Wagner was voted in by a wide margin.

However, I am not a member of any recall efforts; I do not work for any government entity and have no political ties. Like many of my friends who live in the community, we hope the recall efforts go through.

We voted for Supervisor Wagner. Based on his current and past overspending policies, we would not vote for him again.

During the township meetings, citizens have been constantly exposed to Clark harassing anyone who disagrees with the supervisor.

During a recall meeting last year, Clark tried to intimidate attendees by videotaping them.

Letters to the editor

Law enforcement officers were called to the scene.

Mr. Clark has been asked to prove that he is a resident of our community at the township meetings. Supervisor Wagner aligns in Clark's defense, stating even non citizens are allowed freedom of speech at the meetings.

Each time a citizen raises an objection to this abuse towards citizens during the township meetings, Wagner comes to Clark's defense. It is clear that Wagner and Clark have a "special" relationship and that Clark may not be a resident.

It is clear Clark is motivated by his "personal" relationship with Dave Wagner to be his "attack dog" for anyone who disagrees with Wagner's policies. There is a difference between freedom of speech and constant harassment of citizens.

Anyone who allows this type of treatment of our citizens is not a true leader. Furthermore, this type of behavior continues to mold our community meetings into being unprofessional, an embarrassment and a waste of taxpayer's time and money.

Meanwhile Mr. Clark should read state laws and realize citizens have the right to recall an elected official. Mr. Clark adds more fuel to fire to recall and clean house at the next election.

Barbara Hill
Independence Township

Library fine at serving public

Dear Editor,

Thanks to Margret McDermott's letter to the editor ("Reader says library fines too high," Jan. 6) for spending time to analyze what I have long believed to be true: library fines for books and CD-ROMS are too low and should be increased.

It appears that some fines have not kept up with inflation. Our library serves a public service and as such, each user is responsible for understanding the loan requirements of the materials for which they choose to borrow.

Cheryl McNeil
Independence Township

Thanks to commissioner with plow

Dear Editor,

We were out on a walk last Sunday, Jan. 10, along White Lake Road. As we neared Lakeview Cemetery, there was a man with a tractor plowing open the park to Dixie Highway.

As we got closer, we saw Tom Middleton was the driver.

He said, "On the way to church my wife

and I noticed the plowing ended at Deer Lake Drive."

What did Tom do? He brought his tractor back, and opened up the path to Dixie Highway, and went on across to Tappan.

This is our county commissioner - thank you, Tom.

James and Gini Schultz
Clarkston

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1995

"Students plan city of the future"

Cedar Crest Academy students Ryan McCleary, Tim Julian, and Jeff Dupuis designed a model city with futuristic ideas including computer controlled traffic systems, giant composting facilities, and city greenhouses.

"Retirement calls" After 40 years, James A. Sherman Sr. retired as owner of Sherman Publications, Inc., including *The Clarkston News*. He bought his first paper, *The Oxford Leader*, in 1955, and the *News* in 1966. His weekly column, *Jim's Jottings*, continued.

"Clarkston man's first recording fulfills dream" Local singer Mike Hollowell released his first CD, "What Color is Love," a collection of 11 songs. A lifelong performer, he wrote, produced, and arranged all the songs, directed production of the CD, and designed its cover.

25 years ago - 1985

"Crowd ro-o-oars over tiger" More than 30 neighbors attended a Clarkston Zoning Board of Appeals meeting regarding ownership of a 300-pound Siberian tiger named Athena. Most of the residents supported their neighbor's right to keep the big cat.

"Reading philosophy goes national" Bailey Lake Elementary teacher Dennis Wagester's "guided instruction" ideas were picked up for a social studies textbook published nationally. His idea was to include vocabulary words and questions labeled "to guide your reading" at the beginning of each chapter.

50 years ago - 1960

"Ballet program delights crowd" One of the most delightful wide-awake dance programs was presented to the Waterford Township Civic Music Association. Rod Strong and his three dancing partners appeared in classical as well as numbers in a lighter vein.

"Mother's March January 28" Bobbie Lu McClure, Oakland County Poster Girl for the New March of Dimes, helped Mrs. George A. Miskin of Clarkston collect contributions door to door.

"Club discusses family dollar" Clarkston Evening Extension Club met at the home of Mrs. Chester Adams to discuss how to financially plan for the future. They also discussed principles of design in architecture, art, and the home.

Comment rule punishes all

Dear Editor,

At the Jan. 5 Independence Township Board meeting, the following was passed by four board members as part of Rules of Procedures:

"Persons in the audience interested in addressing the board on agenda items may speak to one agenda item per meeting, limited to three minutes, provided that all comments by members of the public with respect to an agenda item shall be done after any presentation but before any discussion by member of the board; and once the matter has been brought back to the board for its discussion and vote, there shall be no further comment from the public (emphasis added).

In case you missed the article and editorial in last week's *Clarkston News*, this means the board is extremely limiting public input.

If a taxpayer attends a meeting

interested in a particular agenda item and finds another of interest, he may not speak on the additional item.

Further, he may not speak after hearing the board discussion. Or, if you attend the meeting as an interested citizen/taxpayer in all township business, forget expressing your views — they are not interested!

It was said we are changing "a long held tradition." Some traditions should stand, especially where the freedom to address our elected officials is concerned.

Jeffersonian politics should still be the rule — local government is important to the lives of our citizens and we should be allowed to express our views without the filter of some board members.

If you would call the surrounding townships, you would find they allow public comment on each agenda item.

"Time" was also mentioned in the rationale for this procedure.

If you watch the board meeting, you will quickly realize it is not the public comment that takes excessive time on each subject.

"Showboating," another reason — who showboats? Watch channel 10!

So, why was this passed? The board has been addressed regularly by one individual who they don't want to hear. Rather than limit one, all taxpayer/citizens are punished. Is this the classroom strategy that all students are punished for one student's actions?

One board member commented that public apathy will probably let this rule stand. Please, email, call, attend a meeting to request the deletion of this change to a "long held tradition" by your elected officials. Your freedom is at stake!

Joan McCrary
Independence Township

New rule serves residents better

Dear Editor,

The taxpaying residents of Independence Township are well served by the rule change regarding public comment adopted Jan. 5 by our board.

Those who have witnessed the puerile, abusive, and mean-tempered personal attacks repeatedly leveled against certain board members are fully aware that:

- Our supervisor, by his refusal to lead and halt the abuse, and by his vote against the measure, demonstrates once again his woeful management skills;

- Much of the good work and sound management practices now, at last, being incorporated in the township is the work of board members who, curiously enough, are often verbally blasted with ad hominem attacks from certain audience members;

- The reporter from *The Clarkston News* might attempt a more balanced and fair portrayal of what this rule change really means to the citizenry and the sound logic represented by it, an opportunity clearly missed in Jan. 13's edition; and

- Please, we are a long way from

"Eastern Europe" and we are definitely not witnessing "one of the worst things the board has ever passed" ("Mum's the word," Jan. 13).

Basic civility and respect, longtime hallmarks of this community, are just two of the intended and necessary consequences of this measure. The freedoms and liberties of taxpayers/residents of the community are not at all threatened but rather enhanced.

Thank you,

Zac Bell
Independence Township

Restaurant provides great food, service

Dear Editor,

After reading the article in your newspaper about the new owners of Trini and Carmen's North (Dec. 30) we thought we would give the restaurant a try.

On New Year's Eve we went there with several friends for dinner. All of us enjoyed some great Mexican food and found the new owners and staff to be very friendly!

We have been back since and

now it is our restaurant of choice for Mexican food. We encourage everyone to head up Dixie Highway and give them a try.

Ruth Wheeler
Independence Township

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Here come da judge, da partisan judge

In the past couple months two friends, a lawyer (yes, lawyers can be friends, too) and a journalist (yes, a journalist can be friends, also) have written about the judicial selection process, one in a book, the other in his weekly column.

Bob Parenti is the attorney. He served Oxford governments for over 20 years before moving to Florida and joining the Willie Gary law firm.

The journalist is Richard (Dick) Milliman who owned both daily and weekly newspapers in Michigan from Three Rivers to Gaylord to Rogers City, and still owns some.

Both their accounts of how we select our judges make me so mad I could just spit. It isn't as if I didn't know the selections are political, it's just that I put it far back in my mind.

In the preface to his book, *The Giant Killers*, Bob asks: "Is the American system of justice out of hand? Or is the society it tries to serve out of hand?"

He goes on to write that greed plays a big role in lawsuits, as does our worship of winning, often for money. Yet the vast majority of lawsuits, estimated at over 95 percent, never get to trial. Still the system is overworked, understaffed and ill-prepared to deal with the massive volume of complaints brought to the halls of justice each day.

Lawyers are the gunfighters of yore, only lawyers take money instead of human life, Bob writes. He also mentions the love/hate relationship we have with lawyers.

Now, closer to my main irritant. There is an old law school adage: the A students become trial lawyers, the B students become in-house company lawyers and the C students become judges.

Michigan judges appear on the ballot as nonpartisans, yet they are positioned on the ballot by the two major political parties. Republicans and Democrats pick the candidates then dangle them out to voters as nonpartisan.

Too, a wealthy, influential person makes a substantial contribution to one political party or candidate for high office and quietly suggests he would be pleased if his daughter would receive the next judicial office that becomes available.

Our judicial selection system stinks.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

Dick writes: Court decisions: I have always marveled at the number of split decisions handed down by appellate courts at every level. How can nine intelligent, experienced and knowledgeable justices hear the same arguments and read the same language, and still come up with so many divided decisions on the meaning of the words and their application?

Michigan, too: In the Michigan Supreme Court, outcome cases often depend on whether political conservatives or liberals hold the majority of the seven state court seats at any particular time. Aren't the words of the laws the same? If so, how can the application of those words to an actual case be so different in the decisions of individual judges? The reasons, of course, are the political and social leanings of those wearing the robes.

Electing judges: Electing the supreme court justices, and other judges for that matter, lends itself to the sort of court system where justices sometimes seem to go to the highest bidder. The question is not only one of fairness; it also is a question of the appearance of fairness. Both are important for public confidence in our judicial system.

Back to me.
Which way do I spit?
Toward Washington, Lansing, our county seat, township, city or the mirror?

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One too many

A deputy saw someone throw a lit cigarette from a car on Pine Ridge Drive and Dixie, 10:30 p.m., Dec. 23, and pulled a traffic stop. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license and also had two misdemeanor warrants for failure to display valid license and drunk driving. He was given a warning for littering.

Thefts from unlocked cars

A Spring Meadow Court resident reported her car's glove compartment and center console open, papers strewn about, and cosmetics bag filled with jewelry and money taken, 8:45 a.m., Jan. 7. She wasn't sure if it was locked, because her remote control sometimes doesn't work, but there was no damage to the car.

A package of lighters, candy, and wiper blades were taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 5000 block of Timberway Trail, Jan. 7.

Sunglasses thief foiled

When someone grabbed two pairs of sunglasses worth about \$400, a store employee grabbed him, 10 a.m., Jan. 7, in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway. The suspect, described as a white man about 20 years old, 5 foot, 10 inches tall, thin, wearing a dark stocking cap, gray coat, and blue jeans, dropped the sunglasses, pushed the employee, and fled.

Public Safety

Reports from Clarkston Police, Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Snowboard burgled

A snowboarder said she went inside to warm up, about 6 p.m., Jan. 8, at Pine Knob Ski Resort, leaving her snowboard outside unsecured. When she returned an hour later, it was gone.

Gas gone

Getting into his truck, 12:30 p.m., Jan. 8, in the 5000 block of Oak Hill Road, the owner noticed the gas gauge read empty, despite filling the tank the day before. Someone had drilled a half-inch hole in the gas tank. Footprints in the snow led back out to the road.

Loud dog

No one answered the door when a deputy came knocking, checking on a barking-dog report, 3:16 a.m., Jan. 10, in the 6000 block of Laurelton Street. The dog was barking outside behind a fence in subzero weather, so the deputy left to get an animal-safety stick. Upon his return, lights were on in the house and the dog was inside, but no one still would answer the door. The deputy left a barking-dog ticket at the house.

Too much smoke

A homeowner in the 5000 block of Rockaway Lane heard crackling noises from her wood fireplace, 8:33 p.m., Jan. 9. Seeing smoke pouring from the fireplace, she evacuated the house and called 911. Independence Township firefighters and deputies responded, by which time smoke was coming from all peaks in the roof and eaves of the house. Firefighters extinguished the fire.

Mystery solved

A resident in the 5000 block of Dixie Highway found her car damaged and spun halfway around in the parking lot, surrounded by debris, Jan. 10. Deputies found in the debris a front bumper not belonging to her, with a VIN number attached. They tracked it to a neighbor, and found a car with heavy front-end damage. The owner said he didn't know about it, though his 23-year-old daughter may have been driving the car. The daughter also denied knowledge, but eventually admitted hitting the parked car at about 2 a.m., and driving away without telling anyone. She was cited for leaving the scene.

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Drug fraud

When a 22-year-old Independence Township man had back pain, went to the doctor and received two prescriptions for painkillers. With no money or insurance, he reportedly tried to use his girlfriend's insurance card and driver's license in the drive through of a Dixie Highway pharmacy, 6:51 a.m., Jan. 9. Pharmacists called deputies, who arrested him for fraud. He was also found with a glass pipe with suspected marijuana residue, and a small marijuana cigarette.

Malicious use of pop

Someone entered two unlocked vehicles, poured pop all over the interiors, and stole a school backpack in the 4000 block of Summerhill Drive, Jan. 10.

Texting behind the wheel

Turning left towards Lancaster Hills off Dixie Highway, a resident ran over a traffic island into a sign, 11:34 p.m., Jan. 10. Admitting to "kinda texting" while driving, he was cited for careless driving.

Wandering purse

A resident of the 4000 block of Oakvista Avenue got a call from a neighbor, saying he found her purse in a ditch, Jan. 10. She found her Social Security card and CDs missing from the purse, which she said she had left in her unlocked vehicle.

— Reports collected by Phil Custodio

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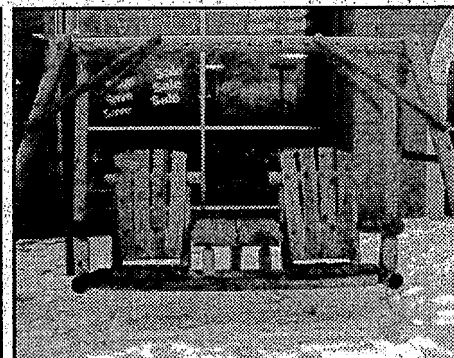
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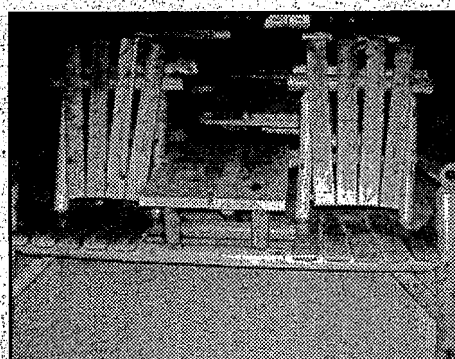


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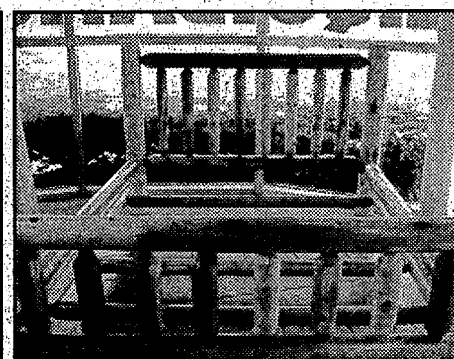
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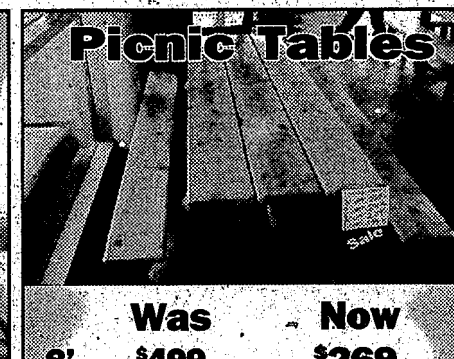
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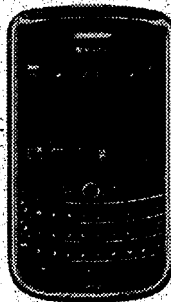
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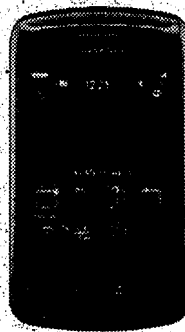
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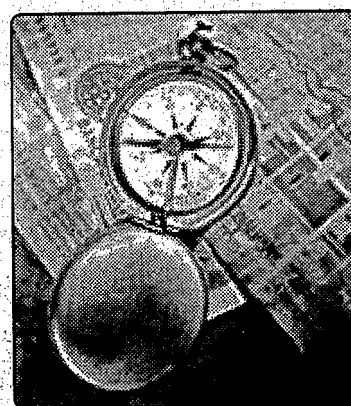
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Library supporters get to work

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With the Independence Township Library millage up for renewal this year, resident Jeanne Molzon and 15 other stepped forward to form a Political Action Committee (PAC) to encourage people to vote "Yes."

Molzon is looking for voters who support library millage renewal to serve on the committee and/or donate, to "publicize the multitude of services our library provides for the community," she said.

"The biggest thing right now is getting donations in order to run the committee. It takes several thousand dollars to run a Political Action Committee just because you have to have things like yard signs, ads in the papers, balloons for the Fourth of July parade, and book marks for businesses," she said. "Each of these things we have a price tag on them, we need people to come forth and give donations."

Supporters who donate \$10 will get their name in a support ad, which will run in the *Clarkston News* and *Penny Stretcher*.

Over the next eight months, Molzon said the committee will educate people, library users and non-users, as well as organizations and clubs on various programs the library offers.

"The Friends of the Library are making a DVD that will tell about all the services this library pro-

vides," she said. "We want to help people to see what a great loss to the community it would be if we did not have Independence Township Library."

Though they won't know the exact renewal amount until March, Molzon said the millage funds 85-90 percent of the library's budget.

With a tough economy, she said, the library has been a great source for people searching for jobs by use of wireless Internet access, computer labs, and computer classes.

Molzon has been active in Friends of the Library since 1998. She said Friends of the Library can only educate people about issues, but the PAC can tell people to "vote yes" on the millage renewal.

"The Friends of the Library can only give informational education to people," she said. "We felt this election was going to need a lot more than that."

Molzon said the reason is due to "confusing ballot language," that involves the library millage, police millage and money for the Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA), which she said would be discussed in greater detail at the Jan. 19 Independence Township Board meeting.

For more information concerning the "ballot language confusion," check out next week's edition of the *Clarkston News*. Those interested in joining the "Yes Committee" or making a donation can call Molzon at 248 625-9399.



Third-graders pose with Sen. Deb Cherry. Photo provided

Students have capital time in Lansing

Andersonville Elementary third-graders went on an adventure on Jan. 13 when they spent the day in Lansing.

"We had a wonderful time," said Carol Barber, third-grade teacher.

The students visited the Michigan Historical Center and the state capitol.

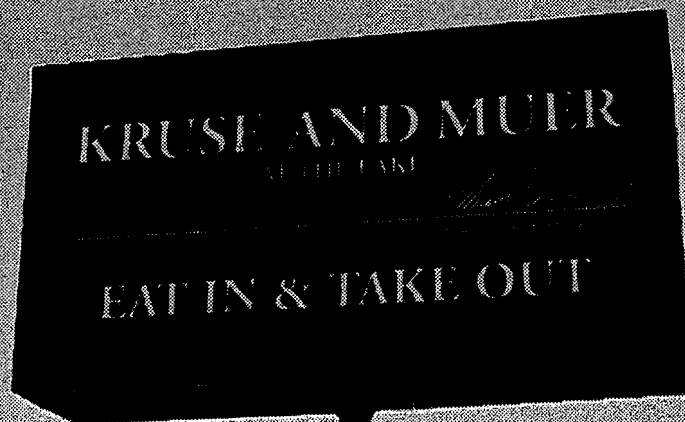
"We had the chance to explore the museum and then headed to the state capitol. Our tourguide, Matt, was one of the highlights."

He shared interesting stories with

the students, teachers and parents including one about how Michigan choose their seal seen on the state flag. They visited the state capitol and explored the powers of each branch of the state government.

They met State Representative Eileen Kowall, White Lake, and took the group on a tour of the house floor. Kowall also explained to them what happens in the room. They also met Senator Deb Cherry.

"It was a great day and all had fun," said Barber.



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Wolves defeat tough defense with smart moves



Jordan Clark captures the rebound. Photo by WR

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

It was the dunk heard around Clarkston as Tyler Scarlett reached up and put the ball through the basket.

Clarkston fans whistled, cheered and clapped for the senior's moment in the 51-40 win over West Bloomfield last Friday.

Long-time Wolves Boys Basketball Coach was excited to see Scarlett make the play.

"Scarlett, for two years, really struggled as a point guard and he is really coming into his own. He has learned to use his body, change speeds and really play smart with the basketball. For him to get a dunk - it's exciting for him," said Fife. "You dream about it when you're young and the fans were happy for him."

Nick Tatu started the scoring for the game after he shot a 3-pointer.

Matt Kamieniecki and Scarlett led the team as the boys continued the lead and distanced themselves from the Lakers on the scoreboard.

The Wolves never let up the control

even when West Bloomfield showed them their mean side, especially on 6'7" Kamieniecki.

"It was an extremely physical game," Fife said. "There are three of them coming at him and they are willing to beat him up and be physical with him. The game is physical. When he goes to college next year he will understand that even more. You have to prepare yourself for it."

He added it was a great lesson to any player on how to turn it around and play smart and not to get wrapped in emotions, especially since the Lakers rode on them during the entire game.

"They out-toughed us in the first half. The second half we were better, stronger grabbing the ball, and taking care of it better. We responded. Kami got good plays from Scarlett and good plays from Zach Collins."

Fife also saw a lot of good things come out of defense, including baskets made from defense's transitions and able to get to the ball when West Bloomfield lost control.

"I am just happy with a win," said

Fife. "We are still young and still learning."

He has seen the young players continue to improve during every practice and they have come a long way since the first home game.

"The kids have really started to embrace the Clarkston way, Clarkston basketball and what we are really about," he said.

Kamieniecki led during the game and scored 19 points and Scarlett had 12.

They beat Flint-Northern on Jan. 12, 60-36.

"We got a good lead early and kept on them," said Fife about the boys posting 23 points in the first quarter and keeping Flint to three points before the half finished.

Kamieniecki led with 21 points and Mitch Baenziger added 11 to the board.

The boys played Southfield on Tuesday for the opportunity to break the tie between them for first place in the league.

They host North Farmington (5-4, 1-2 OAA Red) on Friday.

JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

Athlete of the Week Deitz top of his class

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Matt Deitz doesn't let anything interfere with his thinking - not even being ranked in first place in the 140-pound weight class in Division I.

"It's pretty good," he said about the accomplishment.

He admitted it's not something he thinks about as he prepares for a meet or steps onto the mat.

"It doesn't matter," he admitted. "I just go in each meet and wrestle the guy."

Each win has inched him closer to a goal he has for the team - to make it to the state finals. Deitz went to states last year for the individual finals and placed in seventh, while the team won districts and lost the first round in regionals.

"This year we have a really good team and I hope we can do well," he said as the days get closer to the finals. Individuals set for the second week in February.

He began wrestling only a few years ago and the interest just sparked in him to try it out.

"It was probably my dad," he admitted. "He used to wrestle."

He admitted he would like to continue wrestling after he graduates and is currently deciding between University of Michigan and Michigan State for his next step.

Before making the final decision he wants to see how he does for the season, to look at the coaches and learn more about each campus.

"I am seeing what happens," he added.

He is planning to study medicine and explained he would like to work with medicine and create medicine.

Deitz currently has a 3.9 GPA and is taking Advanced Placement courses in Chemistry, Calculus and Computer Science.

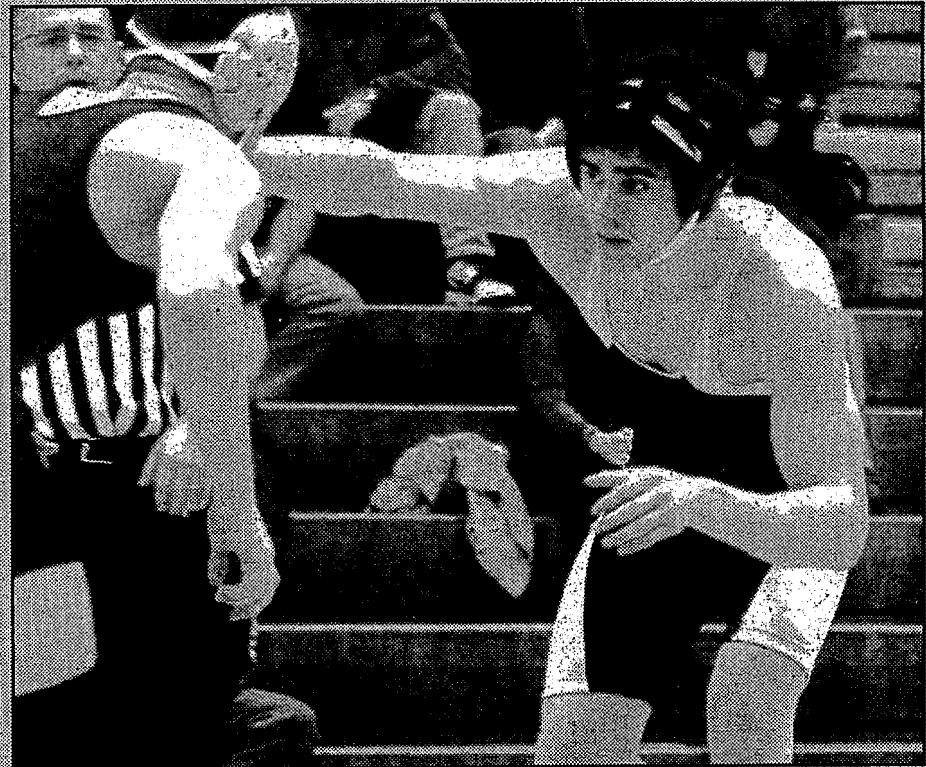
Deitz plays in various sports for fun with his friends and is in weightlifting.

When not studying or wrestling he is reading science fiction and adventure stories or playing Call of Duty, War of Warcraft or other role-playing or popular video games.

For aspiring wrestlers and other athletes going into different sports he said to have fun.

"Relax and do your best," he said.

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Cagers carry momentum into overtime

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Sophomore Megan Hastings led the Lady Wolves as they took down Southfield-Lathrup in two overtime periods, ending the game, 50-48.

"The girls gave a great effort," said Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Tim Wasilk about the Jan. 12 game.

"They executed our game plan and played extremely well on both sides of the floor. It was a big win for us."

The girls ended the first half trailing by two points, 18-16.

They were still behind as they went into the final quarter but found their footing as they scored 16 on Lathrup and kept their competitors to only 13 points.

The game went into overtime to name a winner in the OAA Red league game.

The first overtime period ended with no distinct winner as both teams kept each other down to two points.

Clarkston prevailed in the next overtime period outscoring Lathrup, 6-4.

"Defense was pretty solid throughout the game," said Wasilk. "They have two girls over six feet tall and we did a nice job defending them and limited their shots."

He added the team did a nice job with their press and their communication on the defensive end of the court.

Hastings led with 18 points, four baskets from 3-points shots.

"She took care of the ball," said Wasilk. "She showed a lot of leadership and shot the ball extremely well."

Senior Kaleigh Kenny added 12 points to the board.

"She is coming back from injury



Jessica Ming lines up for her free throw shot during the team's last home game. File photo

and she had a much better week," said Wasilk. "She is getting more comfortable after being out for nine months."

Lindsey Rupphun had nine points and Delaney Kenny added eight.

"Both stepped up and played poised and with more confidence," Wasilk noted.

"It was nice to see our girls shoot the ball well," he continued. "Fifty points is the most points we have scored all year. It was nice to see our offense come around."

The Lady Wolves continued on Friday night and lost to Rochester, 42-18.

"We struggled to gain the momentum we were missing and Rochester was getting our long rebounds," said Wasilk. "It was just one of those nights where not one person on the team was shooting the ball too well. We had a tough time scoring."

Christina Jokisch led the team with nine points.

Though last week left mixed results for the girls, Wasilk said they

learned from both games.

"You can take away positives, either win or lose," he added. "Every game we learn a little bit more. We are still improving and look to continue to play well in the league."

The girls were at Davison on Tuesday for a non-league game and are back home on Thursday as they take on another OAA Red foe - Pontiac High School.

"They are pretty quick and pretty fast," said Wasilk. "We will be ready for Thursday night. We are excited to be back home - it's our only home game this month."

The game will prepare them when they head to play cross-town rivals Lake Orion next Tuesday.

"We are definitely optimistic," said Wasilk. "We are feeling good about our chances about any opponent in our league as long as we can shoot the ball and shoot the ball well."

JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

After the Rochester game, the girls overall record 3-6 and 2-3 in OAA Red.

Rivalry melts the ice

BY JEFF TURNER

Special to The Clarkston News

A late turnover in Clarkston's own zone led to the deciding goal in a 2-1 loss to arch-rival Lake Orion.

"We gave them the game on that turnover," lamented Clarkston Hockey head coach Bryan Krygier, Saturday night. "Other than that we played okay, but that goal was the difference."

Leading up to the third period goal, the Wolves carried the momentum.

Despite getting outshot 12-4 in the first period, Clarkston went into intermission with a 1-0 lead, courtesy of an Adam Frank goal.

Frank, after his initial shot sailed wide, jammed in the rebound to give the Wolves a 1-0 lead with 1:08 remaining in the period.

Clarkston continued the momentum into the second period, as an early Lake Orion penalty put them on the power play. Despite peppering Lake Orion goalie Shawn Horton with four shots while having a man advantage, the Wolves couldn't capitalize on the opportunity.

Clarkston remained in control for most of the second period until a penalty on Chad Watton put Lake Orion on a power play.

With thirty seconds left on the advantage, senior Corey Hodge tied the game off a rebound for the Dragons.

The game went back and forth in the third period, until Clarkston made the crucial mistake with just over 11 minutes remaining in the game. Following a Lake Orion shot, Clarkston controlled the possession, but an errant cross-ice pass was intercepted by Lake Orion senior Zach Koonce.

Koonce's initial shot was stopped by Clarkston goalie Jon Williams. However, Koonce stuffed in the rebound to put Lake Orion ahead by a goal.

The Wolves had their own opportunities to score in the final minutes, the best coming with three minutes remaining on a Travis Hargett breakaway that Horton stopped.

A frantic final minute of the game saw offsetting penalties on both teams following a Clarkston opportunity in front of the net.

Following the game, Krygier expressed frustration with how it ended.

"I don't usually complain about the officials, but tonight the refs were mediocre at best. They called interference on us all night, and didn't call it on them at the end. That's poor officiating," he said. "Lake Orion did the basic things tonight. They worked hard, pushed the puck, and took advantage of our mistakes."

Clarkston falls to 5-7 with the loss. They added their fifth season win on Jan. 13 after beating North Farmington, 5-3.

Two goals from Jack Schlau and Brad Pizzey kept the boys in the lead, but by the end of the second period North Farmington tied the score.

Adam Frank brought the boys back into the lead less than four minutes into the final period and two goals from Dillion Drayer sealed the Wolves win. The boys made 35 shots on goal and Alec Gildner saved 22 shots.

The Wolves are back in action Thursday night, as they take on Birmingham at the Detroit Skate Club at 5:30 pm.

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Taking it to the mat

Grapplers began last week taking down Waterford Kettering, posting wins in 10 match-ups. They finished a dual meet on Jan. 13, 46-19.

"The guys wrestled well," said Clarkston Wrestling Head Coach Joe DeGain.

Raymond Wilkie (103), Jeff Sloney (130), Ty Foltz (135), Kyle Broughton (140) and Evan King (171) gave the team a boost in points winning their matches with pins.

The boys headed to Detroit Catholic Central's Super Duals to compete in four dual matches.

"It was a really tough team tournament but I think we did really well," said senior Matt Deitz. "We will see some of the teams at states, except one team was from Ohio. We won't see them again."

They walked away with two wins over Bedford (34-28) and Davison (50-21) and two losses to St. Edward (66-0), who remained undefeated for the day and Hartland (38-15).

The boys head to Detroit Catholic Central again on Wednesday, this time for a dual meet.

They are back home on Jan. 27 hosting a Quad Meet. They will wrestle Troy-Athens and West Bloomfield at 5:30 p.m.

"It is time for us to really start focusing on short, intense boys so we can be ready for the end of the season," said DeGain.

—Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

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Goals also include infrastructure work, long-term planning

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a real nickel-nabber I might add, we've managed to keep afloat."

Wagner noted they are looking at cross training employees so with a smaller workforce they're still "able to give the service people expect of this township." He would also like to draw in new business.

"Even though it's hard times, there are new businesses moving into other municipalities," he said. "We have a lot to offer in this township for new businesses and to our new residents. This is something I think has

to have 100 percent effort put into."

Clarkston Community Schools goals include demand legislators seek long-term solution to education funding in Michigan, said Elizabeth Egan, Clarkston PTA Council president.

"We will advocate for fair educational funding with written communication and direct contact with our state legislators," Egan said.

Goals also include improving student and community health through events such as the Clarkston Health and Wellness Exposition, March 27; and encourage and provide opportunities for parental involvement in schools to increase student achievement.

Wagner said he also hopes everyone in the township will work more cooperatively together this year.

"We've talked a lot about doing this facilities and grounds division where we can combine all of our services under one roof. I think this is very important we do get this put in place as soon as possible," he said. "I'm looking at several different alternatives to see what makes sense. I would hope in the near future I could bring something to the board to show them what my thinking is and get their input."

Springfield Township priorities include in-

frastructure, with preventative maintenance on roads, buildings, and equipment

"This is important so we don't end up with a huge capital expense because we put things off for short term savings that cost us more in the long run," Trout said.

Plans for 2010 include extending pathways, he said.

"Wouldn't it be great if we could connect downtown Clarkston with downtown Davisburg and our beautiful parks with a safety path," he said.

Other plans include new signals at Dixie and Davisburg roads, and studies of Dixie Highway at I-75 and downtown Davisburg.

"This can be a challenge because of our duty to enforce our ordinances as part of doing our job and not allowing all kinds of blight, including the types of signs we do not allow, without being overly restrictive given the current economy," Trout said. "Finding that balance can be very difficult so we are looking for ways to allow temporary signage, for instance in a way that won't create a blight situation."

Future goals include local soil-erosion permits and inspections, relocation of sheriff substation and fire station one in downtown Davisburg.

"Both facilities are old and have restraints

in terms of upgrading them," he said. "We will continue to support our residents' needs and concerns by whatever means we can and will use our website, cable station, email, and other technology to provide services effectively."

For Clarkston Mayor Stephen Arkwright, 2010 goals include balancing the budget, managing services, Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy, naming city hall after Artemus M. Pappas, improved website and electronic services, consolidation of services, and resolution of use of 90 North Main.

Clarkston goals also includes finishing a three-year budget projection, Ritter said.

"Our finance committee meets regularly in an effort to accomplish this task," he said. "Budget years 2011 and 2012 show falling home values continuing, but 2012 at a slower rate. The objective of having a three year budget, is to be prepared for what's ahead rather than being completely surprised."

Clarkston Board of Education goals include higher academic achievement for all students, useful and timely financial reports to the board, Balanced Budget Process, and matching budget priorities with curriculum goals and finance parameters, said board President Stephen Hyer.

Trevor Keiser contributed to this report

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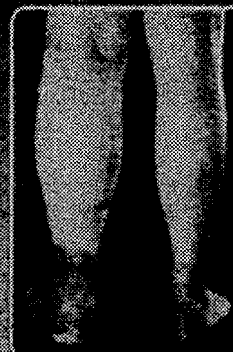
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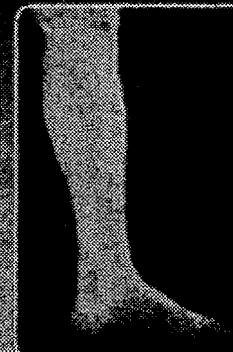
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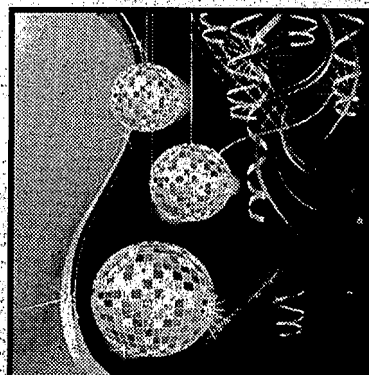


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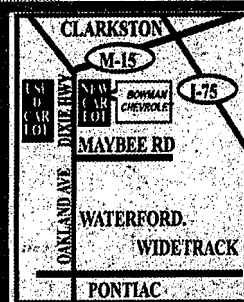
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Thoughts on Martin Luther King Jr. Day?

"Today helps raise awareness of our diverse culture, and the need to close achievement and socio-economic gaps. It's also exactly a year from President Obama's inauguration, which shows how the country has advanced."

— Rhonda Irish

"It provides an opportunity for us to gain a realization of where we are today as Americans, and look at where we've been."

— Jeff Kosin

"It's made a huge difference in how we go about our business, especially in education. More people getting more opportunities only helps make this country stronger."

— Rich Porritt

"It's a great thing—we need more diversity. This is a chance for awareness and acceptance of all cultures and social status."

— Denise Hill

By Phil Custodio

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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Learning LEADership in the trenches

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Plains Elementary third-graders marched down the halls to the school cafeteria, Jan. 14, hoping they earned enough medals for promotion from cadet to soldier in General Wolfie's Challenge.

The challenge was led by juniors and seniors from Clarkston High School's LEAD program, as part of their annual Elementary Leadership Training Conferences.

"We spent months planning a conference to help them understand six concepts we think are important as they grow up," said senior Meghna Dhir. "We planned fun activities as a way for them to learn."

LEAD students focused on diversity and respect, organization and responsibility, physical health and activity, school spirit, conflict resolution, and self-esteem.

The LEAD students planned the theme around Leadership Boot Camp to make it more fun, and worked with the high school's teacher cadets to put it together.

They began with research and paid attention to every detail of the theme, from breaking down into groups to what activities the students could do.

"We wanted to make boot camp fun but a serious way to learn," said Dhir. "We do the activities and ask the students questions so the idea gets through to them. It was really easy because a lot of people in LEAD are really passionate about what we do. It was easy, especially from what we saw from last year's conference and because we all worked together."

The students were broken into groups, called brigades, during the boot camp, and spent time at each session earning medals. If they received six medals, they graduated from cadet to soldier.

Senior Erica Zentner led the students in the "Fit & Ready" boot camp session, which focused on eating healthy and physical fitness.



Weston Lee tells the group about the importance of physical fitness. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Zentner asked the students for different ways they could stay active. Hands shot up as many said "playing sports" and "playing with their siblings."

Zentner, a Springfield Plains alum, incorporated the lesson with how to help their community, pointing out the annual Fun Run helps them and the school.

"The more active you are, more laps you can

run and more laps is more money for the school," she said.

Down the third-grade hall, voices could be heard from another group shouting out with pride the Dolphin chant, about the elementary's mascot.

The activity was the Battle Cry and the students not only learned about team communi-

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Around Town

Clarkston Community Women's Club, with speaker Tammy Cropp, demonstrating Tai Chi, 7 p.m., Jan. 21, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Wear comfortable clothes. 248-625-4945 or 248-623-9462.

Fuddy Meers, Clarkston Village Players' adult comedy, 8 p.m., Jan. 22-23; 7:30 p.m., Jan. 21, Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. 248-575-4104.

Annual Meeting, North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, 9:30 a.m., Jan. 23, Look-out Lodge, Waterford Oaks County Park, 1702 Scott Lake Road. With Wondrous Wilderness: Tramping In New Zealand, with travel author Jim DuFresne. 248-846-6547.

Bethany North Oakland, Singles Dance, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., Jan. 22, Waterford Pontiac Elks, 2100 Scott Lake Road, \$12; Meet and Greet, 6 p.m., Jan. 27, Mesquite Creek, 7228 N. Main Street. 248-891-8938.

Pink and Pampered, 1-4 p.m., Jan. 27, Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. All ladies welcome. \$8 for facials, mini-manicures, eye brow waxing, other personal services. In cooperation with McLaren Breast Care Center. Register at 248-625-8231.

Advanced Screening and Wellness, 12:30-5 p.m., Jan. 30, Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. Full blood lipid panel, CA 125 for ovarian cancer, other screenings. No need for physician referral. Registration required, 800-541-8110. Pick up flyer at senior activity center.

Home Buying Seminar, 6:30-8 p.m., Feb. 11, Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. Free. Home professionals Tom Daigle, Fran Huges, Steven Craft, and Joe the Home

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Genealogy HELP workshop, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Feb. 13, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Bring info and researchers will provide individual and small group help. Free, sponsored by Clarkston Historical Society, Independence Township Library, Sashabaw Plains Daughters of the America Revolution. Register at 248-625-2212.

Cupids and Canines, 12-3 p.m., Feb. 13, Camp Bow Wow, 6374 Sashabaw Road. Canines Companions Rescue Center dog adoption event. 248-620-9663.

Valentine's Dinner and movie *Fireproof*, hosted by First Baptist Church of Clarkston, 5 p.m., Feb. 14, Indianwood Golf and Country Club, 1081 Indianwood Road, Lake Orion. \$25. Register by Feb. 1 at 248-625-3380.

Wild Game Dinner, 6-9 p.m., Feb. 20, Campbell-Richmond Post 63 of the American Legion, 8047 Ortonville Road. Elk, deer, wall-eye, wild turkey, bison, other wild game. \$20. 248-625-9912.

Sadie Hawkins Prom, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Feb. 27, Campbell Richmond American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. \$20/couple. 248-802-3605.

Adult Basketball League, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. Independence Township Parks and Rec-

reation, 248-625-8223.

Pony Basketball League, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-969-9788.

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

Therapeutic Yoga classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270.

Bingo, Mondays, 6 p.m., sponsored by Divine Peace Metropolitan Community Church, at Knights of Columbus hall, 5660 Maybee Road. 18-way bingo, double action, regular jackpots to \$500, local progressive. 248-332-1186.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-625-4244.

Fountains charity poker, 5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursdays. \$30 buy in. Fountains Golf and

Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. 248-625-3731.

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Volleyball, 9 a.m., Mondays, competitive; Wednesdays, Fridays for fun. St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. 248-625-8231.

Basic Yoga with Noreen Daly, beginning and intermediate techniques, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m., \$7 per session. Bring mat. Peace Unity Church and Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878

Tai Chi with Tammy Cropp, gentle movements for healing, stress reduction, balance, increased flexibility, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. New sessions begin Jan. 19. \$8 per session. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-420-6119.

Co-Creating Healthy Families, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., "Bradshaw on: The Family," PBS series presentation, support group, 7:30 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. Especially needed: percussion, clarinets, trumpets. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Breast Cancer Support Group, first Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., MIRO Mid-Oakland Medical Center, 6770 Dixie Highway. 248-625-3841.

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City looks to honor Pappas

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

First the City designated a day for Art Pappas, now they want to name a building after him.

The City Council voted unanimously to create a committee to name city hall after Pappas, former city manager, clerk, and treasurer, for his long-time service to the community.

"I think the reason for naming the building after Art is appropriate because this is where he worked," said Mayor Steve Arkwright. "This is where he did it. It may not be glamorous, but it's home."

Arkwright noted there would be no use of public funding, and everything would be done through private donation.

City Manager Dennis Ritter, Councilman Thomas Hunter, former Mayor Sharron Catallo, Kevin Harrison, and Dr. Doug Roeser were named to the committee.

"The whole the purpose is to recognize the huge contribution Art has given to the city the last 46 years," Ritter said. "We don't want that to go unnoticed."

"Art's contributions to the village are immeasurable," Hunter agreed.

Pappas retired from the city on June, 30, 2008, at age 74. He began his long tenure with Clarkston when he was appointed vil-

lage clerk, at the time a part-time elected position, in 1962. In 1972, he switched to the treasurer's hat, also a part-time elected position, and held the title until 1988 when he retired from his teaching career.

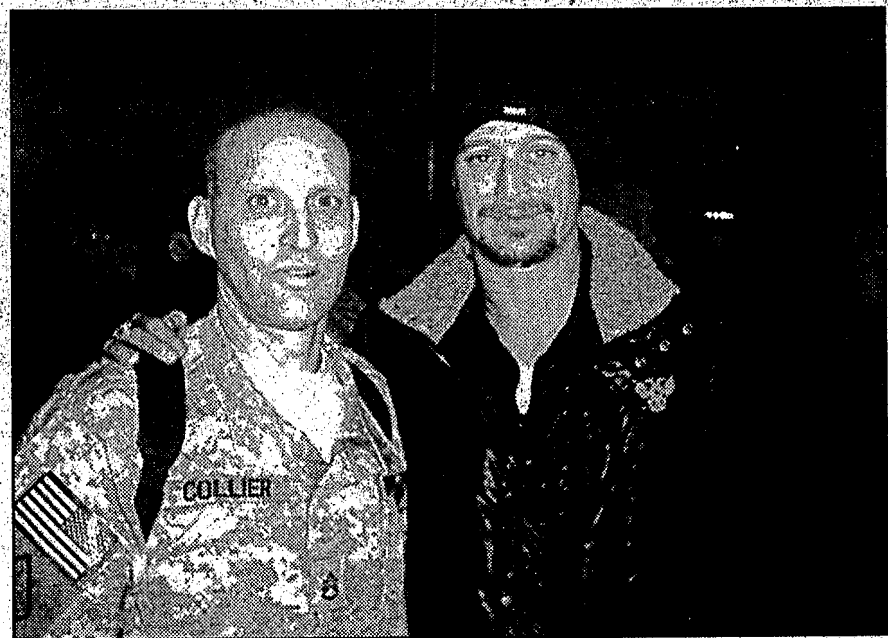
Pappas taught business at Clarkston High School from 1959-1966. His career also included time in Oxford and Walled Lake classrooms, at North Oakland Vocational Center and Oakland Community College. He retired in June 1988, and by October he was working full-time as Clarkston's manager and treasurer.

Ritter who met with the other committee members on Monday said he hopes to give an update to both the council and community in the next couple weeks.

"This was a one time only opportunity for the city council because there will only be one person who deserves such an honor," Catallo said. "Only one who made sure this community would be the kind of place people wanted to live, raise their families and call Clarkston home. Art's years spent in the Village's government were many, but he never lost sight of who he was working for, the community and what was good for everyone."



Art Pappas



Rocking visit

Clarkston High School graduate Arden Collier Jr., staff sergeant with the U.S. Army in Iraq, visits with Clarkston music man Robert Ritchie, Kid Rock. Visiting the troops overseas this past Christmas, Ritchie gave Collier a personally engraved coin as a memento of their meeting. Collier is the son of Arden and Ann Collier of Independence Township. Photo provided

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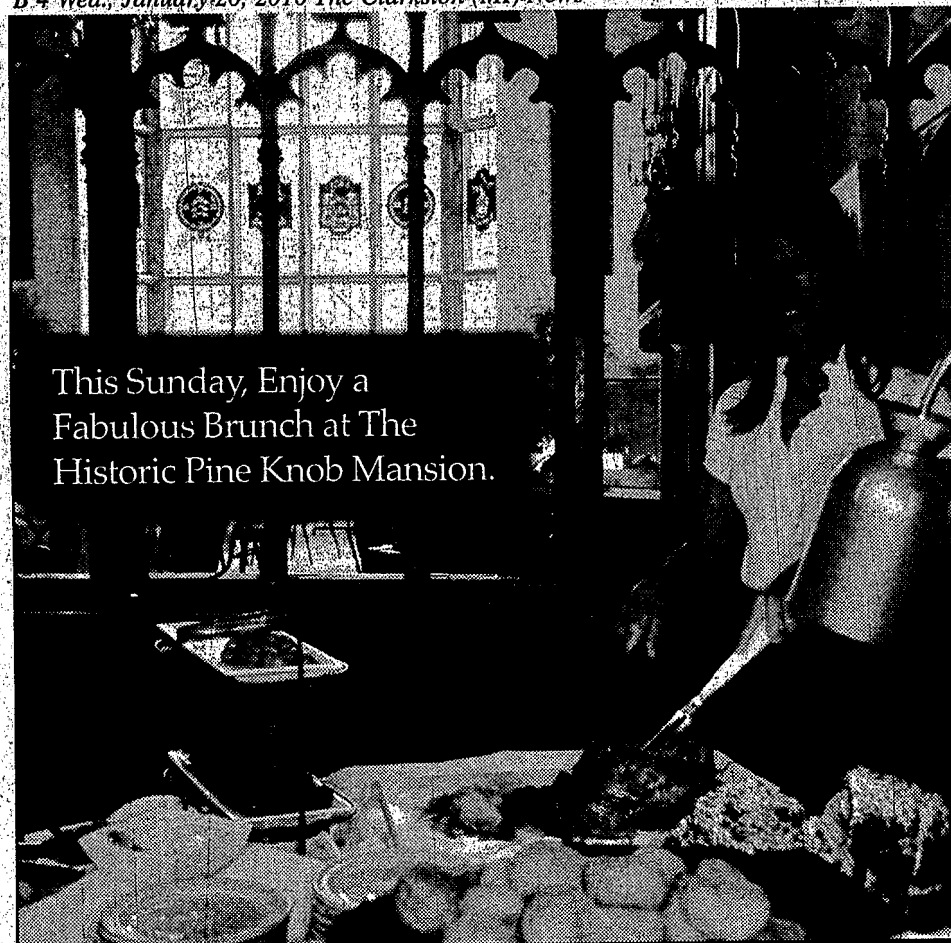
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In our country's service...

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The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

He is the son of Francoise Moreau of Downs Keego Harbor and Stephen Downs of Clarkston. He is a 2008 graduate of West Bloomfield High School.



Shaun M. Ray has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

The lieutenant will attend an officer basic course relating to his or her particular military occupational specialty/job. Afterward, he will complete advanced training by attending basic officer leadership courses for ca-

reer progression purposes.

He is the son of Kathy L. and stepson of Paul McCain of Greenwood, Ind. His wife, Meagan, is the daughter of Bruce Campbell of Burton and Sally Campbell of Clarkston. The lieutenant is a 1998 graduate of Center Grove High School, Greenwood.

U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers nominated Clarkston students Jonathan Pupillo, Eric Nordquist, Anthony Blazevic, and David Soltisz to U.S. military academies.

Pupillo graduates in 2010 from Brandon High School in Ortonville. He is the son of Dominic and Laura Pupillo of Clarkston and is nominated to the Air Force Academy.

Nordquist, 2010 graduate of Clarkston High School, is the son of Steven and Martha Nordquist of Clarkston and is nominated to the Naval Academy and West Point.

Blazevic, set to graduate from St. Mary's Preparatory School in Orchard Lake, is the son of Anthony and Joanne Blazevic of Davisburg and is nominated to the Naval Academy.

Soltisz graduates in 2010 from Waterford Kettering High School, and is the son of Ben and Carla Soltisz of Clarkston. He is nominated for the Air Force Academy.

Students achieve success

Graduating from Western Michigan University this past summer were Clarkston students Edgar Grech-Cumbo, Bachelor of Arts Interpersonal Communication; Thomas A. Hartz, Bachelor of Business Administration Integrated Supply Matrix Management; Joshua P. Luczak, Bachelor of Science Exercise Science; Bradley M. Morrison, Bachelor of Business Administration Accountancy; and Michael B. Schiller, Bachelor of Business Administration Sales and Business Marketing.

Clarkston students Kimberly Cook, Kirsten Graham, Michelle Pascoe, and John Vanderveen were named to the Hope College Dean's List for the first semester of the 2009-10 school year.

Mallory Deacon, daughter of Sue and

Mark Deacon of Clarkston and a 2008 graduate of Clarkston High School, earned a 4.0 grade point average and has been named to the Michigan State University, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities Dean's Honor List. Mallory has been named to the Dean's Honor List for three consecutive terms and has also attained junior status.

Team Bananos of Clarkston Junior High School won the Programming Award for the most creative and efficient program to control their robot in recent FIRST Lego League competition at Carman-Ainsworth Middle School in Flint.

Lauren K. Dedow of Clarkston graduated, Dec. 12, from Michigan Technological University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences

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Religion

Don't be afraid to start journey to change life

We are now well into January. How are those resolutions coming along? I admit that I'm feeling more than a little impatient with myself.

My goals just can't seem to be reached quickly enough, and I find it difficult to maintain the motivation I had in those first few days of the new year. It doesn't help that winter days lend themselves to that endless feeling of "just grin and bear it." Sometimes I feel like I treat January and February as a disease to be endured rather than a time to live well. I am being hard on myself.

St. Francis of Assisi, a saint who lived during the late 12th and early 13th century would object to this disposition. One of his famous quotes, "the journey is essential to the dream," reminds me that all our moments in life are a gift, including those that seem inconsequential, boring, disappointing, challenging, or downright depressing.

He would more than likely counsel me that these winter days can be times of real growth in the spirit, a time to learn and reflect on how each of us can work toward being the best version of ourselves—that unique individual God has called us to be.

While the journey may seem uphill sometimes, it is days like these that strengthen us for our life's mission. As Chris-

tians, we can find consolation in the words of St. Paul, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." So, back to those resolutions!

I suppose you could divide the world into learners and non-learners. We all make mistakes, and fall off the proverbial wagon from time to time. But we also know people who refuse to give up, even when they seem to fail. Being a learner allows us to be open to what is happening around us, hearing the lessons that life has to teach, and becoming successful at recognizing mistakes as simply that, a mistake.

Perhaps the question to ask yourself is not whether you are successful or failing in your work toward your resolutions, but rather are you a learner or a non-learner? Remember that the journey is essential!

Maybe this seems like nonsense. Perhaps you never bothered to make any resolutions this year. Perhaps the journey toward being your best self seems too difficult. If that is the case, I urge you to reconsider. It's never too late.

God has created you to be capable of greatness, and you have an essential purpose. Ask yourself these two questions: What is one thing that you could do that would radically change your life? And secondly, what great thing would you attempt if you knew you couldn't fail? Begin the journey and don't be afraid of the bumps in the road.

Cheryl Smith is director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Daniel Catholic Church.

Spiritual Matters



Cheryl Smith

In our churches...

Beth Moore Bible study of Esther, Sundays beginning Jan. 28, 9:15-11:30 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road; Childcare available. Call Rev. Christine Wyatt, 248-625-1611.

Evening of fun activities, 7 p.m., Feb. 5, St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and Preschool, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Inflatables, snacks, games, fellowship for all. Free. 248-625-4644.

Metaphysical Bible Study, Sundays, 8:30 a.m., discover the inner, spiritual meaning behind the stories. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539.

Wednesday Evening FEAST, dinner at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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Boot camp a success for elementary students



Gina Bollini explains to the students what she wants them to write on the card. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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cation but how to demonstrate spirit for their school and community.

At the next session the students moved up the ranks and learned how diverse they are from their eye color to hobbies to pets and how to respect the differences others have.

"The students loved working with the high school students since they were fun and energetic," said Rachel Raddatz, third-grade teacher. "They learned how to work together, how to be a better friend and ways to be proud of who we are."

Raddatz's class also mention how the high schoolers treated them as equals - not as someone younger, and knew when to be serious and when to have fun.

"They see these high schools students taking pride in themselves, their school and our community," said Raddatz. "When I, as a teacher, need to remind students about these qualities, I can bring up these activities to remind them of the important lessons."

LEAD held a boot camp at North Sashabaw Elementary and Pine Knob Elementary earlier the same week, and visited Independence Elementary on Thursday af-



Third-graders use team work to get across the room.

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Dhir said they received positive responses from not only the students but the teachers and principals as well.

"I am really glad we had an opportunity to come and teach these students," Dhir said. "It's really a good reward for us, too - to come in and teach the students and see

the reactions on their faces."

Each elementary had 150 students participating in the bootcamp.

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Cold air returns suck in dirty air, and over time it builds up until you have the same type of debris found in a vacuum bag. Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While drywall was sanded, cold air returns sucked all of the dust through the system and it settled on the bottom of the duct lines where, a little at a time it, gets blown back into the home.

This debris needs to be removed by a professional. Choosing an air duct cleaning company isn't hard. Most companies use truck mounted equipment, (like a shop vac used to vacuum out a car) inside the back of a van, "absolutely useless," Meadows said.

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The problem is there are so many companies with inadequate equipment, advertising cheap prices giving a false sense of what the job's worth. The average price to clean air ducts correctly with the right equipment ranges from \$399 to \$499 plus. Any company who charges per register or who has "\$99 Whole House Specials" are companies to avoid.

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Local Testing Area



Madelyn Slocum enjoys a fun night out as her nails are painted.



Megan Girschner take a big bite out of a hot dog.

Fun cuts

Cub Scout Pack 341 of Bailey Lake Elementary hosted their Cut-A-Thon last Friday.

They raised money for the pack's summer camp and pine wood derby.

Besides getting a haircut, patrons also had their face painted, played video games, enjoyed delicious food, and had an opportunity to win great prizes.

Photo story by
Trevor Keiser



Charlie Lussenhop relaxes while his hair is being cut.



Angie Roeder begins trimming her nephew Clay Roeder's hair.



Evan Leider waits for the next note to appear on the screen for Rock Band video game.

Obituary

Albert F. Bouchard, 77

Albert Franklin Bouchard of Clarkston passed away, Jan. 12, 2010, at age 77.

He was preceded in death by his wife Phyllis. He was the loving father of Tina Marie (Kirk) Leitner; proud grandpa of Tracie, Andrew, Jennifer, and Lacey; dear brother of Ladean Veatch; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Bouchard enjoyed playing golf at the Pontiac Country Club.

Rosary service was Jan. 14 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Jan. 15 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Frances 'Fran' Cantin, 82

Frances "Fran" T. Cantin of Port Austin, formerly of Detroit, passed away, Jan. 12, 2010, at age 82.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert. She was the mother of Kathy (Fred) Sarmiento of Clarkston, Donna (Tom) Knaus of Troy, Mary (Kevin) Elsey of Lake Orion, and Linda (Guy) Beauregard of Clarkston; "Grammy" of Melissa, Megan, Kristen, Danielle, Britany, Brandon, and Kyle; and sister of Bertha Wozniak of Dearborn.

Fran was a dedicated volunteer at St. Michael Catholic Church, Port Austin. She enjoyed being with family.

Scripture service was Jan. 14 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Jan. 15 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Interment at St. Michaels Cemetery, Port Austin.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Kathy N. Moultrup, 56

Kathy N. Moultrup, nee Kaye, of Clarkston passed away, Jan. 14, 2010, at age 56.

She was the dear wife of Matthew; dearest mother of Derek (Lori) Moultrup of Goodrich and twin daughters Monica and Jennifer, both of Canton; beloved grand-

mother "Nona" of Brady Alan and Jesse Oneal Moultrup of Goodrich; baby sister of the late James and Shirley Sposato, Natalie "Dol" (Jack) Davidson of Mio; dear niece of Jennie Kaye of California; special cousin of Janice, Jeannie, Judy Kaye, and many others.

Mrs. Moultrup worked for Sears Parts & Service for 24 years and Clarkston Schools as a Para-Pro.

Funeral Service was Jan. 18 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Waterford.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Vera C. Baetens, 85

Vera C. Baetens of Clarkston passed away, Jan. 15, 2010, at age 85.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert and son Ken; mother of Ron (Sue) of Clarkston and David (Cathrene) of Grand Blanc; grandma of Catie, Vicky, Lizzy, Drew, Casey, Everett, and Elliott; sister of Betty (Gene) Kaczmar of Madison Heights.

Mrs. Baetens worked at Parke-Davis. She enjoyed living on Deer Lake, spending time with family, traveling and collecting dolls.

Rosary service, Wednesday, 4:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Funeral Mass, Thursday, 10 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Rite of Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to E.W.T.N., Good Counsel or Association of Marian Helpers.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Adah 'Onalee' Roy, 89

Adah "Onalee" Roy of Clarkston passed away, Jan. 18, 2010, at age 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband Chester and her son Darwin. She was the mother of Karen (the late Roger) Rose of Au Gres, Skip (Lauree) Allen of White Lake, Dale (Judy) Allen of Waterford, Gary Allen of Clarkston, Kathy (Mike) Horna of California, and Robin (Tom) Kuhn of Berkley; survived by 15 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and two great granddaughters.

Mrs. Roy enjoyed crossword puzzles, "I



never knew how many people loved me till the end. I thank my Higher Power for the time to share and say goodbye."

Funeral service, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Michael D. Cowley, 35

Michael D. Cowley of Grand Blanc, formerly of Waterford, passed away suddenly, Jan. 17, 2010, at age 35.

He was the husband of Johnnie; father of Eric Simpson, Lucas Cowley, Ashleigh Allen Woods; step-father of Meagen Burke; son of Michael (Linda) Cowley and Donna (John) Cook; son-in-law of Bobbie Jewell; grandson of Harry Cowley; brother of Jeremy (Maria) Holiday, Sarah (Robert) Brown and Mary (Edward) Ortega; and brother-in-law of Shelby Jewell.

Mr. Cowley was active with P.K.S.A. Karate, Davison, and Boy Scout Troop 337, Ortonville. He was an avid Red Wings fan.

Celebration of Life service Friday, 10 a.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Thursday, 4-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, any donations to the family will be used for Michael's children's future education.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Obituaries updated at
Clarkstonnews.com

Healing Hearts meet Feb. 9

Valentine's Day is the topic of the February Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9.

The meeting, led by Emily Trahan, bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, will be at Carriage House, Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road.

The meeting for all who have recently lost a loved one is free, walk-ins welcome.

For more information, call 248-625-5231 or email wintfuneralhome@aol.com.

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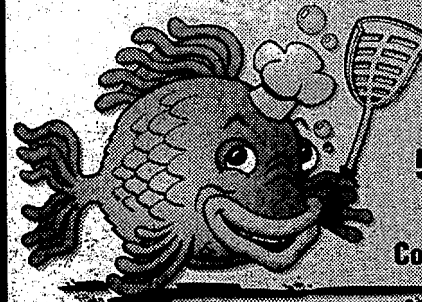
Rainbows meetings, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Outreach for those dealing with change due to death, divorce or other significant loss. 248-625-1750.

Spiritual Economics, Principles and Process of True Prosperity, ongoing study, Thursdays, 7 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Coffee House, music, food, fun in clean, sober, smoke-free environment. Third Fridays, open-mic, 7 p.m. Jan. 15, featured musicians John Dobat and Jeff Schott. Peace Unity Church. 248-625-5192.

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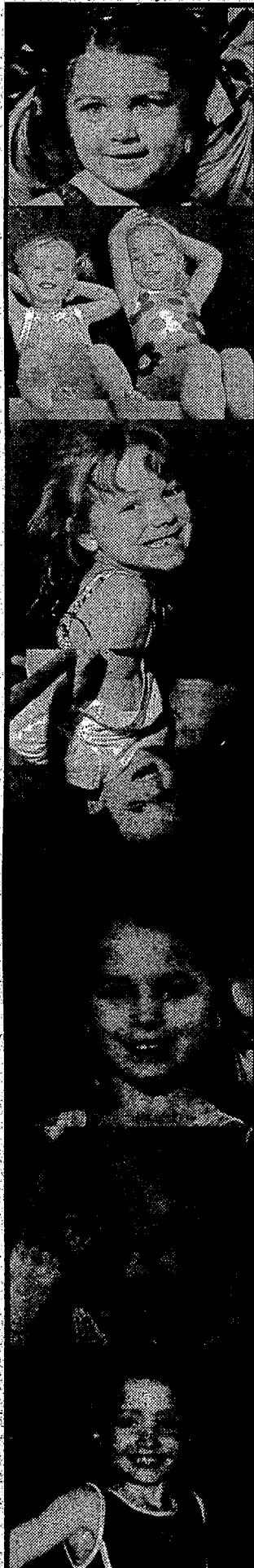
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Mon. 9:45-10:30am	Mon. 10:30-11:15am	Tue. 9:30-10:15am	Tue. 5:20-6:05pm
Wed. 10:45-11:30am	Wed. 6:15-7:00pm	Thur. 10:00-10:45am	Fri. 11-11:45am
Sat. 9:00-9:45am	Sat. 9:45-10:30am		

BOUNCING BUNNIES 1 (3yrs. 10 months - 4-1/2 yrs.)

This class is without parent. Emphasis will be on gymnastics movements, coordination, strength and fun. Many proper gymnastics progressions take place that are developmentally appropriate to meet the needs of the child. Each week there are themed lesson plans and goals that the children are working to achieve. Our Bouncing Bunnies gymnastics lessons take place on the floor, balance beams, bars & Tumbi Trak trampoline. Gymnasts will learn the following skills: Floor: positions, donkey kicks, straight body and straddle forward roll on incline & proper body positioning for cartwheels Beam: walking forwards, sideways, backwards, dip steps and flamingo Bars: front support, casting, positioning, straddle toe swings, pike, tuck and straddle swings Tumbi Trak: straight body jumps forwards and backwards, 1, 2, 3 safe landings.

Mon. 9:45-10:30am	Mon. 12-12:45pm	Mon. 4:15-5:00pm	Tue. 9:30-10:15am
Tue. 10:30-11:15am	Tue. 11:30-12:15pm	Tue. 1:15-2:00pm	Tue. 4:15-5:00pm
Tue. 5:20-6:05pm	Tue. 6:15-7:00pm	Wed. 9:45-10:30am	Wed. 11:45-12:30pm
Wed. 1:00-1:45pm	Wed. 5:30-6:15pm	Wed. 7:00-7:45pm	Thur. 11-11:45am
Thur. 5:30-6:15pm	Fri. 11:00-11:45am	Fri. 1:00-1:45pm	Fri. 6:15-7:00pm
Sat. 9:45-10:30am	Sun. 12:00-12:45pm		

BOUNCING BUNNIES 2 (4-1/2 to 5-1/2 yrs.)

This class will further build on skills mastered in the Bunnies 1 program. Our themed weekly lesson plans are specifically designed to meet the needs of each individual child. They will be working on the floor, bars, beam and Tumbi Trak trampoline. Some of the skills they will be focusing on are: Floor: handstand kick-up, cartwheel, backward roll on incline, straight body forward roll and straddle forward roll Beam: confidence in moving all directions as well as balances Bars: front supports, bent arm holds, casting, pullovers up the incline Tumbi Trak: tuck jumps and straddle jumps.

Mon. 10:30-11:15am	Mon. 12-12:45pm	Mon. 5:45pm	Tue. 10:30-11:15am
Tue. 12:30-1:15pm	Tue. 4:15-5:00pm	Tue. 6:15-7:00pm	Wed. 11:45-12:30pm
Wed. 5:30-6:15pm	Wed. 6:15-7:00pm	Wed. 7:00-7:45pm	Thur. 10:10-10:45am
Thur. 11-11:45am	Thur. 12:30-1:15pm	Thur. 6:15-7pm	Fri. 12-12:45pm
Fri. 5:30-6:15pm	Sat. 9:00-9:45am	Sat. 9:45-10:30am	Sun. 12:00-12:45pm

LITTLE LIZARDS (5-1/2 yrs.) - Beginner 1

This class is designed for the young beginning gymnast. Our focus in this program is to teach the proper drills, skills and conditioning for our beginner level gymnasts. Students in this class are reaching towards accomplishing the following skills: Vault: running drills, proper board hitting drills Balance Beam: confidence on both low and high beams, walking in various directions, working on balances & scales Floor: positions, forward rolls, handstand kick-up, cartwheel and backward roll on incline Bars: front support, casting, pullovers with a light spot and bent arm hold in various positions.

Mon. 1:00-2:00pm	Mon. 4:15-5:15pm	Mon. 5:15-6:15pm	Mon. 6:15-7:15pm
Tue. 12:30-1:30pm	Tue. 5:35-6:35	Wed. 1:00-2:00pm	Wed. 4:15-5:15pm
Wed. 5:15-6:15pm	Wed. 6:20-7:20pm	Thur. 4:15-5:15pm	Thur. 6:20-7:20pm
Fri. 5:20-6:20pm	Sat. 10:45-11:45am	Sat. 11:45-12:45pm	Sun. 1:00-2:00pm

CHAMELEON 1 (6 to 7 yrs.) - Beginner 1

This class is designed for the beginner gymnast ages 6-7 yrs. Our focus in this program is to teach the proper drills, skills & conditioning for our beginner level gymnasts. Students in this class are reaching towards accomplishing the following: Vault: running drills, proper board hitting drills Balance Beam: confidence on both the low and high beams, walking in various directions, working on balances & scales Floor: positions, forward rolls, handstand kick-up, cartwheel & backward roll on incline Bars: front support, casting, pullovers with a light spot and bent arm hold in various positions.

Mon. 4:15-5:15pm	Mon. 5:15-6:15pm	Mon. 6:15-7:15pm	Mon. 7:15-8:15pm
Tue. 5:35-6:35pm	Wed. 4:15-5:15pm	Wed. 5:15-6:15pm	Wed. 7:20-8:20pm
Thur. 4:15-5:15pm	Thur. 5:20-6:20pm	Thur. 6:20-7:20pm	Fri. 4:20-5:20pm
Fri. 7:00-8:00pm	Sat. 10:45-11:45am	Sat. 11:45-12:45pm	Sun. 2:00-3:00pm

BOY'S WILD STALLIONS 1 (5 to 7 yrs.)

Boys will learn basic core skills, necessary positions and support holds. A strong emphasis is placed on building strength, increasing flexibility & improving coordination. Boys will use the bars, vault, training rings, pommel horse & floor.

Mon. 6:15-7:15pm	Wed. 7:00-8:00pm	Fri. 6:20-7:20pm	Sun. 3:15-4:15pm
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CHAMELEON 2 (5 to 7 yrs.) - Beginner 2

The Chameleon 2 program will further build on the skills that were mastered in Chameleon 1 or Little Lizards. This class places great emphasis on the proper execution of all beginner skills to help with advancements. Gymnasts will focus on the following core skills: Vault: proper running drills and board hitting, arm circles Balance Beam: confidence with walking in all directions comfortably, straight body jumps & balances Floor: handstand, cartwheel, one-arm cartwheel, backwards roll, bridge kick over on block Bars: pullover, casting and straight body swings.

Mon. 4:15-5:15pm	Mon. 7:15-8:15pm	Tue. 4:30-5:30pm	Wed. 4:15-5:15pm
Wed. 6:20-7:20pm	Thur. 5:20-6:20pm	Fri. 4:20-5:20pm	Fri. 6:20-7:20pm
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Fri. 5:20-6:20pm Sat. 12:45-1:45pm

GECKO (6 to 7 yrs.) - Intermediate

The Geckos is our intermediate program for children ages 6-7 years. The Geckos will further build on skills that were mastered in Chameleon 2. Gymnasts will progress to intermediate skills that will require added focus, increased strength & flexibility. This program will inspire gymnasts to better themselves at their own pace. Gymnasts will learn the following skills: Vault: accelerating run, arm-circle, springboard entry & dive roll Bars: casting, back hip circle & beginning tap swings Balance Beam: mounts, dismounts, lever & tuck jump Floor Exercise: handstand forward roll, backbend kick over, back walkover & round off.

Mon. 5:20-6:20pm Thur. 6:30-7:30pm Fri. 5:20-6:20pm

BOYS WILD STALLIONS 1 (8 to 14 yrs.)

Boys will learn basic core skills, necessary positions and support holds. A strong emphasis is placed on building strength, increasing flexibility & improving coordination. Boys will use the bars, vault, training rings, pommel horse & floor.

Mon. 6:20-7:20pm

BOYS WILD STALLIONS 2 - Intermediate/Advanced

This class is for boys who demonstrate discipline & mastery of basic gymnastics skills. Boys will continue to improve basic skills while being introduced to intermediate & advanced skills on the boy's apparatus. Increased flexibility and strength training will be emphasized.

Mon. 6:20-7:20pm

RISING STARS 1 (8 yrs. and above) - Beginner

The Rising Stars 1 class is specifically tailored for the beginning gymnast. Gymnasts will be introduced to the basic core skills of gymnastics on all four apparatus (vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise). Proper stretching techniques & strength training will be emphasized to provide a foundation for continued progression. Gymnasts will learn the following beginning skills: Vault: proper running technique, running drills & hitting the board Bars: front support hold, pullover and casting Balance Beam: walking in all directions comfortably on the high beam, balancing & straight jumps Floor Exercise: bridge, forward / backward roll, handstand & cartwheel.

Mon. 4:20-5:20pm Tue. 5:00-6:00pm Tue. 6:00-7:00pm Wed. 4:15-5:15pm
Wed. 6:30-7:30pm Wed. 7:30-8:30pm Thur. 4:30-5:30pm Thur. 5:30-6:30pm
Thur. 7:30-8:30pm Fri. 4:20-5:20pm Fri. 6:20-7:20pm Sat. 11:45-12:45pm
Sun. 2:45-3:45pm

RISING STARS 2 (8 yrs. and above) - Intermediate

The Rising Stars 2 class will further build on core skills taught in Rising Stars 1. Gymnasts will progress to intermediate level skills on all apparatus that will require increased strength and flexibility. Proper skill execution will be emphasized to promote safety and future advancements. Gymnasts will learn the following skills: Vault: accelerating run, arm-circle, springboard entry & dive roll Bars: casting, back hip circle & beginning tap swings Balance Beam: mounts, dismounts, lever & tuck jump Floor Exercise: handstand forward roll, backbend kick over, back walkover & round-off.

Mon. 4:20-5:20pm Mon. 5:20-6:20pm Wed. 4:30-5:30pm Wed. 5:30-6:30pm
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SHINING STARS - Intermediate/Advanced

The Shining Stars class is designed for gymnasts who desire to be in a warm but challenging environment. Students will have the opportunity to perfect their intermediate level skills while progressing to advanced gymnastics skills on all four events. Gymnasts will learn the following skills: Vault: accelerating run to arm-circle springboard entry & beginning front handspring drills Bars: glide, sole circle dismount, squat on & tap swings Balance Beam: handstands, cartwheels & split jumps Floor Exercise: front limber, back walkover, back handspring & round-off back handspring.

Mon. 7:20-8:50pm Tue. 7:00-8:30pm Wed. 5:30-7:00pm

SHOOTING STARS - Advanced

The Shooting Stars is the most advanced recreational gymnastics class offered at Stars & Stripes. Gymnasts will have the opportunity to challenge their ability in a program where the sky is the limit! Gymnasts will follow proper progressions to safely achieve advanced level skills at their own pace. Proper skill execution is strongly emphasized. Gymnasts will learn the following skills: Vault: front handspring onto stacked mats & front handsprings on vault table Bars: glide, kip, front hip circle, tap swings & skills on the high bar Balance Beam: cartwheels, back walkovers, turns & advanced dismounts Floor Exercise: front handsprings, back handspring series, perfected round-off back handsprings, back tucks & front tucks.

Wed. 7:15-9:00pm

TUMBLING 1 - Beginning Tumbling

Tumble 1 is specifically structured for the beginning tumbler. Students will learn proper stretching techniques with an emphasis on shoulder flexibility, necessary strength training exercises and core tumbling skills including a bridge, handstand, cartwheel and rolls. Skills learned in this class will provide a strong base for continued progression.

Mon. 7:15-8:15pm Tue. 6:40-7:40pm Thur. 7:20-8:20pm Sat. 12:45-1:45pm

TUMBLING 2 - Intermediate Tumbling

Tumble 2 is the second level of the tumbling program. Tumblers will be expected to have a moderate level of flexibility and mastery of beginning skills. They will continue to work on improving strength and flexibility progressing on to skills such as round-offs, front limbers & back walkovers. Tumblers must have completed Tumble 1 or have a skill evaluation.

Tue. 7:00-8:00pm Thur. 7:20-8:20pm Sat. 12:45-1:45pm

TUMBLING 3 - Intermediate/Advanced

Tumble 3 is offered for tumblers to improve their intermediate level skills while learning advanced tumbling skills. Tumblers will safely learn skills such as back handsprings, round-off back handsprings and front walkovers using effective drills & training tools. Tumblers must have completed Tumble 2 or have a skill evaluation.

Mon. 8:00-9:00pm Sun. 1:00-2:00pm

ADVANCED TUMBLING

The Advanced Tumbling class is designed for tumblers to learn and progress their running tumbling passes. A solid round-off back handspring is required to participate. Tumblers will have the opportunity to take their tumbling to the next level with knowledgeable instructors to assist gymnasts in enhancing their strong elements. Tumblers will work on back handspring series, back tucks and advanced running tumbling combinations.

Mon. 8:00-9:00pm

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America, how did we lose our way?

It all began with the best of intentions. The Founding Fathers took pains to construct the Constitution in such a way as to ensure, to the extent possible, that the blessings of liberty would extend to all Americans. The words "promote the general welfare" along with the construction of the rest of the Constitution had special meaning for them.

They were intent on ending the capriciousness, vagaries and intrigues of a government dominated by a privileged few and managed for their benefit. When the Constitutional Convention completed its work and presented the draft to the states for ratification, James Madison wrote in Federalist Paper Number 45 "...the public good, the real welfare of the great body of the people, is the supreme object to be pursued..."

Yet today we find ourselves immersed in ourselves. We have recreated a class of royalty which, through various means, ensure their voices are heard in the halls of government, voices that promote their individual agendas. And

through those various means, the voices of the few are so loud they drown out the voices of the many.

This division between the haves and the have-nots is a reflection of the ideological divide that is seen in the United States Congress. One need only observe that Republicans sit on one side of the Chamber while Democrats sit on the other, an arrangement that both symbolizes and propagates the practice of working in blocs rather than seeking compromise for the welfare of all. And the people identify with and take their cue from this lack of desire for negotiation.

World War II brought out the best in America. That conflict showed the world the foundation upon which our country was built. Yes, we were attacked at Pearl Harbor, but we were engaged in pushing back tyranny

and oppression years prior to that.

We actively joined the fight not because we wanted more land or resources or because we wished to subjugate other peoples. We fought to ensure freedom for our country and to assist other countries in throwing off the yoke of foreign conquest.

A common trait among the men and women who returned from that war was an ongoing desire to serve their country through other means, primarily volunteerism and public service in order to improve society. As they aged, however, that bright light dimmed as subsequent generations took their place in the world.

Since that time there have been attempts to restore in us that earlier sense of caring and promoting the general welfare. All across the country volunteers provide food, shelter, clothing, and assistance in many other forms.

They work with meager resources, making the most of what they receive in donations. At the same time they watch as tens of millions of dollars are paid in bonuses and the cost of being elected President approaches

a billion dollars. They must be asking themselves: With those resources at our disposal, how many people could we provide with warm meals, a shelter, education and health care?

James Madison also wrote in Federalist Paper Number 38 "...the convention must have enjoyed, in a very singular degree, an exemption from the pestilential influence of party animosities - the disease most incident to deliberative bodies and most apt to contaminate their proceedings."

He further wrote "...all the depositions composing the convention were either satisfactorily accommodated by the final act, or were induced to accede to it by a deep conviction of the necessity of sacrificing private opinions and partial interests to the public good, and by a despair of seeing this necessity diminished by delays or by new experiments." We can do great things - our Constitution is living proof of that, but we must once again find our way and come together to undertake and accomplish them.

Lawrence Matta is a resident of Clarkston.

Guest viewpoint



by Lawrence Matta

Openings on county mental health board

Oakland County Board of Commissioners needs four citizen representatives to serve on the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority.

Those selected will monitor services and support for adults with mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbances, as well as persons with developmental disabilities.

Vacancies are for someone currently receiving services; one who has a family member receiving services; and two members of the general public or mental health profession.

To apply, go to www.oakgov.com or call 248-858-0103. Mail completed application forms to Oakland County Board of Commissioners, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Dept. 470, Pontiac, MI 48341.

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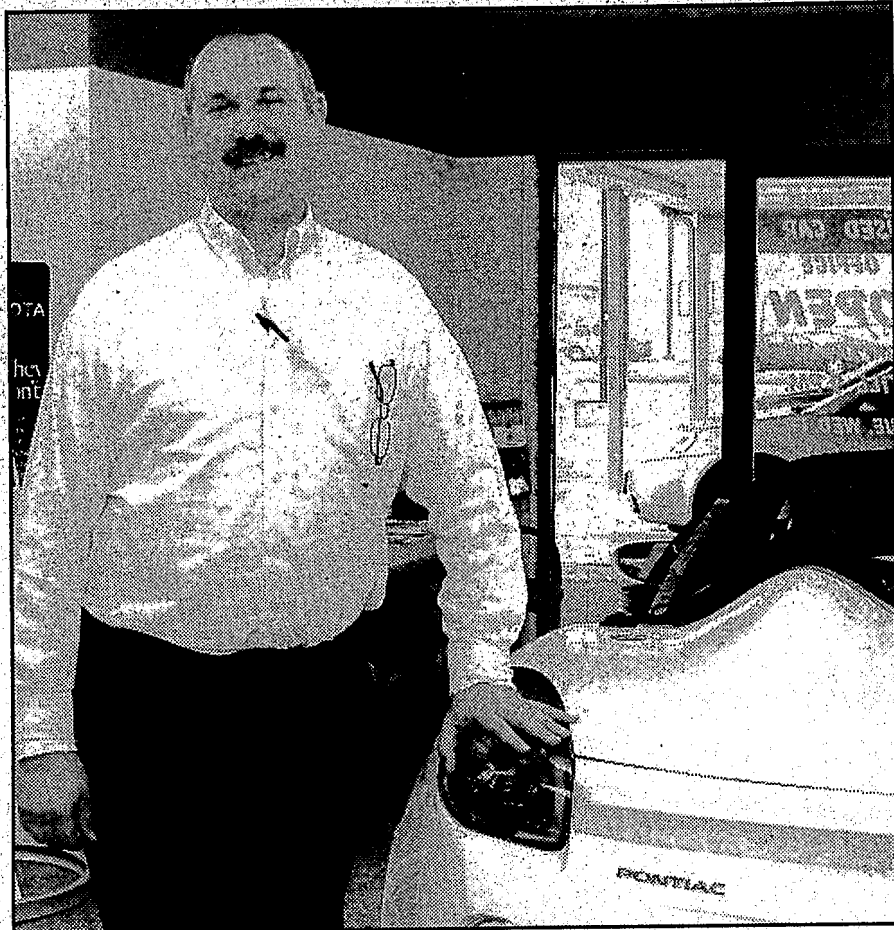
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COMEDY NIGHT - JAN 30



Mark Chojnowski, formerly of Saturn of Clarkston, joined John Bowman Chevrolet. Photo by Phil Custodio

Familiar face in a new place

John Bowman Chevrolet welcomes Mark Chojnowski, formerly of Saturn of Clarkston, in used-car sales.

"We're proud to have him here," said Al Hall, sales manager. "We look forward to having him take excellent care of his customers, as he did at Saturn."

"I'm happy to be here, and glad to stay

with the community and the GM product line," said Chojnowski, who has lived in Clarkston for the past 25 years. "I like Clarkston. It's a good place to raise kids."

He offers a \$10 gas card to his returning, Saturn customers. For more information, call John Bowman Chevrolet, 6750 Dixie Highway, at 248-378-8351.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
JANUARY 12, 2010

1. The Regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Hall.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Carson, Lohmeier, Wallace, Rosso, Petterson, Wagner
Absent: None
There was a quorum
4. Approved motion to postpone discussion of budget process and outline to meeting of February 9, 2009.
5. Reviewed tax revenue estimates.
6. Reviewed sources of revenue.
7. Reviewed taxes on appeal.
8. Discuss investigating economic outlook.
9. Reviewed different fund balance.
10. Discussion on Township financial software.
11. Regular meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 1/20/10

Sadie Hawkins Prom

Campbell Richmond American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63, 8047 Ortonville Road, hosts a Sadie Hawkins Prom, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 27.

Admission is \$20 per couple, which includes one well drink each. Cash bar and lite snacks. King and queen will be crowned. For more information, call Annie Germic at 248-802-3605 or Rachel Vanderbilt at 248-390-8387.

NOHLC Annual Meeting

North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy's 2010 Annual Meeting is 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 23, Lookout Lodge in Waterford Oaks County Park, 1702 Scott Lake Road. Topics include 2009 accomplishments and preservation focus for 2010.

For more information, call 248-846-6547.

Around Town

Continued from page 2B

Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Community Singles, third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, 4301 Monroe St., off Sashabaw, Waterford. All ages, men and women. 248-394-0412.

Belly Dancing, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Bay Court Park. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553.

"TOPS"- Take Pounds Off Sensibly, new chapter, 11 a.m., Tuesdays, Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. No special foods to purchase, reasonable rates, run by volunteers. 248-625-8231.

Widowed Friends, Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Collier Bowling Alley, 879 S. Lapeer Road, Oxford. \$2 per game. 248-628-5437 or 248-877-6692.

Pickleball, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Combination of tennis, ping pong, badminton. \$3. 248-625-8231.

AARP Income Tax Preparation Assistance Program, Tuesdays, Feb. 2-April 13, Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. AARP volunteers prepare federal and state returns for seniors. Call 248-625-8231 for appointment and list of 2009 financial papers required.

Evening Pickleball for Adults 50+, 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. \$3 drop-in. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

H.O.P.E., Health Optimism Perseverance Education, cancer support group for people with any type of cancer, third Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute - Clarkston, Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Emotional support and education to help with adjustment and coping. Care-givers, family, and friends are welcome to attend with the cancer patient. Walk-ins welcome. 877-627-6248.

Meet and greet, North Oakland Bethany, last Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Mesquite Creek, 7228 N. Main St. 248-464-0756.

Line dancing, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, Salsa, Cha-Cha Rock and Roll rhythms. \$3. 248-625-8231.

Introduction to Tai Chi for Adults 50+, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays, Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$50 for 10 weeks. Drop in, \$6. 248-625-8231.

De-Stress Gentle Yoga, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 13-Feb. 24, Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$42 for 7 weeks. Drop in, \$4. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. 248-802-8603.

Local Business Network, Ortonville/Clarkston Chapter, first and third Thursdays meets, 7:45-8:45 a.m., Mico's Real Estate, 7183 Main Street. 248-505-5091.

Local Business Network, Independence Township Chapter, 7:15 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays, North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton. Call Stacy Meagher, 248-241-6000.

Coffee House, third Friday, 7 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. Featured musicians, poets, dancers, other performers, open mic. Free. 248-625-5192.

Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient, 11:30 a.m., first Saturday. Taught by an instructor living with fibro. Support and community follows class; \$12 walk-in or purchase 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270.

Volunteering, Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; Oakland County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, 248-559-1147; McLaren Hospice, not-for-profit, companionship-type to visit and provide emotional support for patients living with terminal illness, 248-320-0106. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County, 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, schools, 248-559-1147 ext. 3427.

Community events?

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HYPNOSIS WORKS: Weight control, Stop smoking, Stress management. Call Scott 248-933-3368. IIC2254.

030 WANTED

LOOKING FOR REPAIR-
ABLE cars/trucks. Up to \$5,000 cash paid. Quick pick up. 810-724-7647, 810-338-7770. IIL244

JUNK CARS & TRUCKS Wanted. Top dollar paid! 248-978-7944. IIL5012

UNWANTED CARS,
TRUCKS, Gas powered toys, and trailers. Any condition. Cash paid. 248-891-6306. IIL72
BUYING ORIGINAL, AUTHENTIC
American Girl & Bitty Baby dolls & accessories. Prefer to buy groups of items. 248-217-5985. IIL74

WANTED

JUNK CARS, TRUCKS
& SCRAP METAL
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L74

CASH

For Junk & Unwanted
Cars, Trucks & Trailers
We buy some repairables
248-670-7417
L71

WANTED: OLD motorcycles, minibikes, ATVs and mopeds. Running or not. 810-338-6440. IIX234

040 PRODUCE

1ST CUTTING HAY, shell corn, Oxford area. 248-628-1670. IIL62

FIRST CUTTING GRASS Hay, \$4/ bale, cash only. Crossman Farms. 248-628-3863. IIX232

050 FIREWOOD

SEASONED HARDWOOD, MIXED hardwood \$68. 10% senior discount. 12 mile radius of Oxford. Stacked & delivered. John, 248-830-1837. IIL74

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SEASONED ALL OAK firewood. 248-628-9372. IIL72

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CLEAN, DRY, hardwood, kept under canopy, \$60/ facecord, free local delivery. 248-227-7974 IIX242

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SEASONED FIREWOOD, \$50 cord, delivery available. 248-693-0068. IIL64

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090 AUCTIONS

Notice is hereby given that on February 19, 2010 at 12:00pm the following will be sold by competitive bidding at National Storage Center of Orion South, 1007 Brown Rd., Lake Orion, MI, 48359. Unit(s) may or may not include the following: Household Goods, Recreational Items and/or Misc. goods. Unit #RV08, A1 Enterprises; Unit #210, Nicholas Ybarra; Unit #213, Jamie Muha; Unit #222, Laura Sawgle; Unit #535, Shaye Bender; Unit #664, Richard M. Ewald; Unit #712, Margaret E. Tatro; Unit #932, Missy Mervyn.

AUCTION

SAT. FEB. 6TH, 2010,
4:00p.m.

Stow-Away Storage

3060 Adventure Ln., Oxford Unit #321, Jeff Gentry, Miscellaneous. Unit #68, Ashleigh Hauxwell, Household; Unit #317, Glenna Jones, Household. Unit #53; Robert Mitchell, Miscellaneous. Unit #334, Lindsay Pauley, Household. Unit #110, Jacqueline Rams, Appliance. Unit #20, Adam Sevener, Garage Items. Unit #337, Jessica Smith, Household. Unit #288, Anthony Zylinski, Household.

"CASH SALE"

\$100 cash deposit. Refundable when unit is cleaned out.

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FREE TO GOOD home, female cat, spayed. 248-814-0289. IIL71f

110 GARAGE SALE

GREAT EVERYTHING SALE. The biggest indoor garage sale in town! Friday, January 29, 9am-6pm (early birds at 8am for \$5); Saturday, January 30, 9am-noon (Bag day \$5). Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, in the Rochester Municipal Park. Call 248-651-0622. IIL62

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130 HOUSEHOLD

ANTIQUE DROP LEAF table, \$150; Antique round oak table, 48", \$150. 248-628-5824 after 5:30pm. IIL239tfdh

ANTIQUE DROP LEAF table, \$150; antique flour box, (I used it as a coffee table) \$50; Old railroad cart with glass top great coffee table \$50; Call 248-628-5824 after 5:30 p.m. IIL222tfdh

A AMISH LOG Headboard and queen pillow top mattress set. Brand new, never used. Sell all for \$275. 989-772-1517 IICPM1

RICH BROWN Bedroom dresser, wood head/ footboards, full size, oak vanity dresser with mirror. Please go to www.oxfordleader.com and check out pictures on the websites classified page. \$75 obo. Call 810-636-3798 from 4-9pm. IIL4tfdh

DAK ROLL TOP DESK, \$600, Oak end tables; \$75. Lamp set, \$40. Cedar chest, \$125. 248-935-0487. IIL62

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OAK DINING ROOM table with 18" leaf. Has parquet design table top, solid oak legs, 4 chairs, need some TLC or a chair doctor. See www.clarkstonnews.com and checkout pictures on the website classifieds. This is a substantial piece of furniture, \$100 obo. Call 810-636-3798 from 4-9pm IIL24tfdh

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Made by Riverside Furniture Company. Outside measurements are 41" wide x 23.13" deep x 54" high. Strong, secure and good looking. Made in USA; handcrafted of cabinetmaker hardwood solids, select veneers and engraved wood elements. Storage area: 36.5" wide x 20.75" deep x 33.5" high. Open storage beneath the TV compartment has two removable shelves. Wiring access holes located in the back panel. Base levelers. \$200 obo. See pictures at www.oxfordleader.com. Call 810-636-3798, 4pm-9pm. L237dhtf

CALIFORNIA KING Mattress set, gently used, \$200 obo. 248-894-9199. IIL72

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R54

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FLOOR MODEL Columbia Grafonola (Victrola). Crank it up and listen to those 78's. \$300. gets you the music box, lots of 78's and a magazine ad from 1919. Call 810-636-3798 from 4-9pm. Pictures online at www.oxfordleader.com. IIL1tfdh

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ELECTRIC RANGE, KENMORE Deluxe. Nice condition. \$175. 248-572-7145. IIL72

170 GENERAL

TRAILER FOR SALE: 2005 Econoline 23ft., 16 ton flatbed. Dual axles, electric brakes. Great condition. \$4,700 firm. Call 248-628-1019. IIL244dhtf

FOR SALE: Toro Snowblower, excellent condition \$75; Maytag gas dryer \$75; Toro electric start snowblower \$100; Gas stovetop \$80. 586-855-3022 IIL62

JOIN MYTH 2010 Wednesday night Women's Golf League \$16 wk. Call Laura 586-651-2781 IIL24dhtf

WANTED TO BUY: Used utility and/ or snowmobile trailer 8-8ft long; used running snowmobile, with good titles. 248-914-1788 IIL62

ROLLED TICKETS

DOUBLE & SINGLE ROLLS
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- *THE ADVERTISER 248-828-9750
- *THE LAKE ORION REVIEW 248-893-5712
- *THE CLARKSTON NEWS & PENNY STRETCHER 248-625-0706

LZ8tf

TRAILER- TANDEM Axle 18"x102" with electric axle, 2" ball, steel open snowmobile loading ramp, nice condition, \$1,300 obo. 248-634-9639. IIL72

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ELECTRIC BASEBOARD Heaters, \$25. each. 810-441-9866. IILZ72

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OAKLAND HILLS Memorial Gardens, Novi, Michigan. 8 lots, 2 vaults and 2 interment fees. Value \$17,000- make offer. 248-625-4963 IIC272

STEEL BUILDINGS: 5 only 25x34, 30x38, 40x54, 45x74, 80x150. Must move now! Selling for balance owed! Free delivery! 1-800-211-9593 X175 IICPM1

ROSSIGNOL 153 ZENA Women's snowboard with boots & bindings. Mint condition. \$200. OBO. 248-628-1176. IIL62

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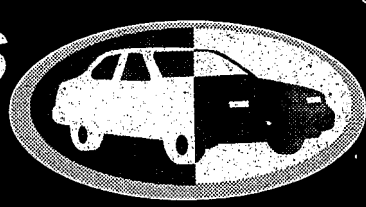
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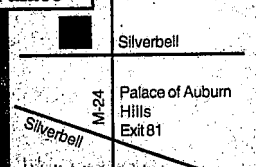
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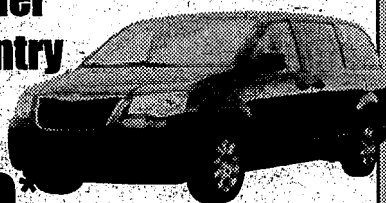
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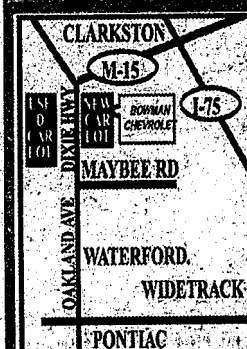
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